

Regional Economic Expansion

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There does not appear to be unanimity.

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PROPOSED WEST COAST TANKER ROUTE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion under Standing Order 43 which I believe is urgent and can be passed without debate. The motion deals with the proposed tanker route down the west coast of British Columbia. In view of the recent decision by the United States Court of Appeals which has blocked temporarily the issuing of government permits for the building of a trans-Alaska pipeline, I feel it is essential that the Canadian position be made crystal clear. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett):

That this House in this, the first session of this new parliament, express its unanimous opposition to the proposed tanker route from Valdez, Alaska, to Cherry Point, State of Washington, and that this decision of the House of Commons be transmitted to the United States government through official channels.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent. Does the hon. member for Calgary North rise on a point of order?

Mr. Woolliams: Yes, Mr. Speaker. As I heard the motion, I think it ascribed the decision to the United States Court of Appeals. My information is that it was the court of appeal of one of the states, and whether that decision will be binding on the other states is a question of jurisdiction.

[Later:]

I rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker. Earlier, on a point of order, I questioned whether a court to which the hon. member for Kootenay West had referred was, indeed, the United States Court of Appeals. It is, in fact, the United States Court of Appeals and the hon. member for Kootenay West was right. The information I had was incorrect.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

REGIONAL ANALYSES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Elmer MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, pursuant to Standing Order 43. In view of recent statements attribut-

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ed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion that his department has prepared analyses on the economic structure and possible development of six regions of this country—the Atlantic provinces, Quebec, Ontario the prairie provinces, British Columbia and the Canadian northwest—and in view of an impending major policy announcement to the premiers of the Atlantic region that is undoubtedly connected with these economic development strategies, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall):

That the annual report of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development in order to allow the committee to study these analyses, and that the committee be reconvened forthwith for this purpose.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

Mr. MacKay: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is rising on a point of order.

Mr. MacKay: In view of the fact that according to the required rules of the House this report is already nine days late, in view of the fact that this party has been accused of being obstructionist, and in view of the fact on at least one other occasion the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources report was referred without debate, I appeal to the government House leader and to the minister to reconsider and to have this matter referred to the committee as soon as possible.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

MOTION TO REFER ANNUAL REPORT TO STANDING COMMITTEE

On the order: Government Notices of Motions: February 8, 1973—The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development moved:

That the Annual Report of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for the year ended March 31, 1972, tabled January 22, 1973, be referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Speaker: The notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 21(2).