

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 12, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

APPEAL TO SASKATCHEWAN NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY
MEMBERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, and I turn toward the New Democratic Party. In light of the CBC news report last night that the members of the federal NDP Saskatchewan caucus were asked at a meeting with the provincial NDP caucus yesterday what in the world they were doing supporting the constitutional proposals which the Saskatchewan attorney general Roy Romanow described as a "Grab bag of nonsense", and were told by Saskatchewan Premier Allan Blakeney that his government would probably support simple patriation with an amending formula, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That to preserve harmony in the Saskatchewan NDP, the Saskatchewan federal NDP members act on their own beliefs and ignore the dictates of their federal leader and vote against the government's constitutional package so there will be no necessity for cries of "Anguish" when they next meet with their provincial NDP colleagues.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL "SPLIT" DAY

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that looking for splits, promoting splits, and creating splits if none can be found, has become a national pastime, and in view of the fact that Joe has taken to appointing his friends to ensure he is not split from his position and Pierre to holding his nose while speaking with a split-tongue, and that our ten premiers are maintaining split

ranks, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That today be declared National Split Day and that bananas be supplied to the press gallery to symbolize Canada's gratitude for the care and competence they provide in searching out, promoting and heralding splits.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

SUGGESTED LAUNCHING OF INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Considering the severe personal injustices experienced by Donald Kelso, an air traffic controller at Dorval airport, and taking into account the fact that the Supreme Court has just reinstated Mr. Kelso after noting that no one can be removed from a position solely on the basis of language, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester (Mr. Coates):

That this House instruct the Commissioner of Official Languages, who is responsible to the Prime Minister, to launch an immediate inquiry into this case so that in the future public servants who are unable to learn a second language will not be harassed and reduced to second-class citizen status.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AIR DISASTER

DEATH OF CHARLES F. FOGARTY, CHAIRMAN OF TEXASGULF—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Louis R. Desmarais (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion relating to an urgent matter.

[English]

Members will be aware of the crash last night of a Texasgulf jet and the tragic death of Dr. Charles F. Fogarty, Texasgulf's chairman and chief executive officer. Texasgulf is a natural resources development company controlled by the Canada Development Corporation. With Dr. Fogarty on that plane were top executives of Texasgulf and two company