

justify the Prime Minister's absence from the House for this crucial question period.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. My motion relates to statements by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and by the Solicitor General (Mr. Fox) condoning illegal activities by federal security forces in 1973 on the grounds of the prevailing and political atmosphere. Since the principal features of that period included a federal Liberal government trying desperately to hold on to power in a minority situation, a provincial Liberal government—

Some hon. Members: Order.

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan).

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TRADE

SUGGESTED DELAY IN SALE OF CANDU REACTOR TO ARGENTINA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The government which took power in Argentina in March, 1976, imposes a regime that violates all basic human rights. Freedom of the press no longer exists there, as demonstrated by the abduction, torture and assassination of dozens of journalists and by the banning of newspapers and journals. Argentina has refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty restricting the use of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That Canada stop the shipment of all parts of the CANDU reactor to Argentina and refrain from selling any further nuclear reactors to Argentina until all basic human and trade union rights are restored and until Argentina signs the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for discussion pursuant to Standing Order 43 can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Absence of Prime Minister

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PROPOSED PROHIBITION AGAINST USE OF SECTION 41(2) OF FEDERAL COURT ACT TO LIMIT POWERS OF INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise on a question of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. Having regard to serious allegations of a cover-up by the government, and especially the Solicitor General of Canada, respecting the illegal activities of certain security and intelligence agencies, in light of the fact that the abuse of section 41(2) of the Federal Court Act has already seriously hampered the efforts of commissions of inquiry in both the provinces of Alberta and Quebec, and having regard to the gravity of the situation which is seriously undermining the confidence and the morale of our legitimate law enforcement agencies, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay) in connection with these inquiries:

That the government be required not to exercise their privilege under 41(2) of the Federal Court Act and to permit the justices charged with the inquiry to examine any evidence and documents in the government's possession that may be pertinent to the inquiries.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the presentation of such a motion for debate at this time requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF DELEGATES TO FOURTH ANNUAL CANADIAN REGIONAL PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR

Mr. Speaker: Before beginning the oral question period I know that all hon. members will want to join me in welcoming some very distinguished visitors whom we have in the galleries this afternoon in the persons of Canadian delegates from provincial legislatures and our counterparts in the Caribbean region under the auspices of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. They are all here in Canada for the Fourth Annual Canadian Regional Parliamentary Seminar.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

REFERENCE TO ABSENCE OF PRIME MINISTER DURING QUESTION PERIOD—REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I wish to rise on a point of order. I sent you notice earlier of a question of privilege. I had hoped that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) would change his plans, as has already been indicated by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald), and be here this afternoon.

Some hon. Members: Order.