HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 15, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE MONARCHY

ACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST HER MAJESTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to move a motion relating to the wanton act of violence perpetrated against Her Majesty the Queen, during her official birthday ceremonies. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker), and the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House expresses to Her Majesty its extreme shock at the violence which occurred, that this House expresses its admiration to Her Majesty for her outstanding courage during the ordeal, and that this House condemns all such violent acts, especially those acts against public figures during the discharging of their duties.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

POLITICAL PARTIES

LIBERAL PARTY TWINNING CAMPAIGN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 as a proxy for the thousands of Canadians who do not have access to adequate mail delivery. The government and the Liberal party have exhibited an exuberance and enthusiasm in communicating with Canadians in ridings they do not hold, by flying Liberal "twins" around the country, mailing greetings and plaques from Liberal "twins", etc. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the Trudeau government and the Liberal party divert the funds expended on their partisan political "twin" program to purchase site mail boxes for Canadians who are deprived of first-class mail delivery service.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

PROGRAM TO MEET SHIPPING NEEDS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter that is truly of national and urgent necessity. Whereas the maximum capacity of the St. Lawrence Seaway will be reached by 1985, just four years from now, all users of the Seaway are agreed that early government decisions are necessary with respect to both facilities and charges, so that they might themselves properly govern their own affairs accordingly. I therefore move, seconded by the hon, member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the Minister of Transport immediately commence a program of action and improvement to the St. Lawrence Seaway system compatible with the marine and shipping needs of today.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Chris Speyer (Cambridge): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The report of the Textile and Clothing Board inquiry was tabled on June 30, 1980. In spite of numerous speeches, motions and questions in this House, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gray) has persistently refused to act in announcing government policy in this important area. In view of the fact that the minister's inaction is causing frustration and alarm within the textile and clothing industry and to the 500,000 Canadians directly or