

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, March 30, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POLAND—WARNING AGAINST OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, given the seriousness of the situation in Poland, this motion I am sure, will get the unanimous consent I believe it deserves.

Noting the continuation of difficulties in Poland, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That this House sends its warmest support to the people of Poland and strongly urges that all outside countries continue to refrain from any military interference in that country's internal affairs.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRANSPORT

MAINTENANCE OF CROWSNEST PASS FREIGHT RATES—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, despite the fact that western farmers have expressed their support for the Crow rate as an essential component of an over-all transportation policy, the Liberal leader in Manitoba has called the Crow rate "a major handicap" to western agriculture. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That this House abhors the statement by the Liberal leader which shows more sympathy for the views of the railways than those of western farmers and this House recognizes that such statements demonstrate why the Liberal Party is nearly extinct in the west; and further, that when Mr. Lauchlan, in the long tradition of defeated Liberal leaders, receives his Ottawa reward after the next Manitoba provincial election he not be appointed to any board or Crown corporation that deals with transportation policy.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

ASSURANCE OF QUICK PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ASSIST
WIDOWS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), I move:

That this House assures the Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs that it will give quick passage to legislation to eliminate or shorten the six and a half year phasing-in period with respect to the payment of pensions to widows of disabled veterans where the veteran's disability was below 48 per cent, and that this House therefore urges that such legislation be introduced without any further delay.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

HEALTH CARE

REQUEST FOR PROLONGATION OF SERVICES TO WASWANUPI,
MISTASSINI AND GREAT WHALE RIVER CREE INDIAN BANDS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ian Watson (Châteauguay): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, seeking the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion related to an urgent matter.

As a result of a conflict between the Cree Indians and the Quebec government over the health services budget, a new 32-bed hospital at Chisasibi (Fort George) is empty while tuberculosis and other serious diseases threaten three Cree communities which have so far been unable to reach agreement with the Quebec government on the terms and conditions of the transfer of health services of the two higher levels of government. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Laprairie (Mr. Deniger):

That the House strongly urge the Minister of National Health and Welfare to extend health services to the Cree bands of Waswanipi, Mistassini and Great