

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 13, 1980

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

DEFECTIVE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS IN FORD MOTOR VEHICLES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, I rise, under Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity certainly to drivers of many Ford Motor Company products in this country.

In view of disturbing information that the Ford Motor Company has known since 1971 that some automatic transmissions lurch into reverse from park, that at least six complaints a month have been received by Ford about these slipping transmissions, that there have been altogether 291 recorded cases—including 41 injuries and four deaths in Canada—and in view of the fact that the Ministry of Transport has been investigating these incidents since 1977, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the government immediately introduce legislation which would empower the Government of Canada to recall the 1.5 million Canadian vehicles with the alleged defective transmissions, and not wait for the results of inquiries in the United States.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE PENSIONS—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 Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom), I move:

That this House commends the Minister of Veterans Affairs on the assurances he gave to the Royal Canadian Legion at its Dominion Convention in Penticton, British Columbia, on Monday of this week, that he would soon be bringing in legislation respecting veterans and their survivors, and this House urges the minister to do so before the end of this month.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

REQUEST THAT SALES TAX ON FOOD BE REMOVED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Canadians, who used to eat one meal a day outside their homes, are now eating two or more meals a day away from home, and in view of the fact that the federal government has imposed a 12 per cent federal sales tax on food service equipment, a tax which is inevitably passed along to the consumer in higher prices, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. Scott):

That this House urge the Minister of Finance to remove the sales tax, an action which would allow the consumer to save money on meals eaten in commercial establishments, and an action which could slow down the rise in the consumer price index.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

RETRAINING PROGRAMS FOR EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I am glad that the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Johnston) is in the chamber. I move, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Rosedale (Mr. Crombie):

That by reason of the importance of the Government of Canada giving leadership in the field of employee retraining, the President of the Treasury Board make a statement in the House prior to the summer adjournment on the proposals of the Government of Canada for retraining programs for its public servants.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?