

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 11, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INFORMATION

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR FREEDOM OF
ACCESS TO INFORMATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity. One year having gone by since the government clearly stated that it was drafting freedom of information legislation to which it was giving priority, and dozens of organizations, such as CUPE, the Canadian Bar Association, the Civil Liberties Association, Canadian teachers, Canadian consumers, and many others in their hundreds of thousands, having indicated their support for immediate action, I move:

That this House urges the government to ignore the self-serving views of the small group of highly placed government people who fear open government, and requests that the government bring in a bill, or instruct a parliamentary committee to do so, and also provide for a free vote in connection with the bill.

Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS ON BERGER REPORT—
GOVERNMENT POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the same provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the statement today, as appears in the Alaska press, made by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Gillespie) that “no one invited Mr. Berger to recommend against a pipeline”, and in view of the statements yesterday by the Minister without Portfolio from Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) in outright opposition to the Berger recommendations, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House request the Prime Minister or the government House leader to make a statement on motions today stating whether these public remarks form

part of government policy and, if they do not, that this House request this government to clearly dissociate itself from such irresponsibility.

Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRANSPORT

PROPOSED PAYMENT OF TRAVELLING COSTS OF CALPA AND
CATCA EXECUTIVES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the attitude exhibited by the Department of Transport in invoicing CALPA and CATCA for transportation costs connected with bringing the executives of these organizations to Ottawa, at the request of Ministry of Transport officials, to resolve the crisis which crippled Canada's airline industry last June, in view of the circumstances whereby the ministry gave the impression that they could accept all financial responsibilities at that time for the transportation of these executives, who in fact played a constructive part in resolving the crisis, and in view of the lavish use of government aircraft by ministers of the Crown at the expense of the public for far less constructive purposes, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrester):

That the Ministry of Transport rescind or cancel these invoices and arrange payment from departmental funds for this very necessary and co-operative course of action by the executives of CALPA and CATCA in coming to Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.