

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 19, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

PROPOSED REFERENDUM ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. Because capital punishment is such an emotional issue that quite obviously the government is unable to cope with it and because of the fact that this same government does not even uphold its own laws in respect of capital punishment, and because of the hesitancy to adhere to the wishes of what is now obviously the majority of Canadians who are in fact being asked to accept the alarming growth of crime as a way of life, and on the basis that this is indeed an urgent and pressing matter which deals with life and death, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge (Mr. Hurlburt):

That this parliament instruct the Prime Minister to initiate a national referendum with regard to capital punishment.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. For reasons which I have stated many times in the past, and with which I am sure the hon. member is familiar, I have declined consistently to consider this as a proper subject for a motion under Standing Order 43.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO ALLEGED MISUSE OF NEWS FACILITIES BY MANAGEMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 arising from a number of instances, including Tuesday's manipulation and misuse by the CBC president, Mr. Picard, of publicly owned news facilities on the "World at Six" and the national television news to slander a member of this House, and last night's reprehensible prevention by CBC management of the same programs carrying the rebuttal given Picard's actions in the House yesterday, constituting management rather than editing of news, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

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That the House requests the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to hold a public inquiry into the existence of disgraceful manipulation and misuse of publicly owned CBC news facilities by CBC management, particularly by President Laurent Picard, for personal and political purposes that are not consistent with the principle of unbiased coverage of the news and that such inquiry also specifically determine whether or not such actions are encouraged, requested, or in any way arranged by persons in the Government of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order '43 and cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

ENERGY

REQUEST FOR SURVEY OF RESOURCES TO PREVENT MONOPOLY FORMATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask leave to present a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

As the demand for energy of all sorts will grow increasingly in Canada in the years to come, and as it is most important for Canada to know, as accurately as possible, what potential it has in all fields of energy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That a special committee of the House be set up to make a survey of all energy research being done throughout Canada, this to enable the government to spare Canadians the creation of monopolies which might exploit the good faith of Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.