

hold the government accountable, before it enters into any undertaking at Versailles.

If you accept this application for an emergency debate, I am ready to move the appropriate motion.

Madam Speaker: Both motions under Standing Order 26 relate to the crisis in the value of the Canadian dollar and its effect internationally.

The Chair recognizes the importance of these matters but the report that the dollar has reached its lowest point in history in comparison to the United States dollar does not alter the fact that the problem is of a continuing nature and not in the nature of a genuine emergency calling for immediate and urgent consideration, as provided for in paragraph 16(a) of the Standing Order.

Paragraph (d) of the same section of Standing Order 26 states:

(d) The motion must not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same session pursuant to the provisions of this Standing Order—

I must point out that on December 18, 1980, in a similar situation, I allowed a request to discuss a matter under Standing Order 26. In my decision that the matter was proper to be discussed, I stated, in part:

In this case both hon. members have drawn my attention to the juxtaposition of circumstances of rising interest rates, the rising cost of living index, the rising rate of inflation, and the decline in the dollar.

I also said that the matter could not be debated at an early opportunity and probably not at all, since the House was about to adjourn.

It would not be reasonable to expect the Chair to agree that the matter proposed today is different simply because the dollar has registered a further decline.

The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition has indicated in his statement that the Right Hon. the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Hon. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) will depart tomorrow for an economic summit at Versailles and suggests that Parliament has a right and urgent responsibility to advise the government and hold the government responsible.

We are all aware, of course, of the importance of that meeting, but the provisions of Standing Order 26 do not permit to allow an emergency debate on that basis.

It is therefore with regret that I cannot accept these applications for an adjournment motion under Standing Order 26.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 99 in the name of the hon. member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert) is acceptable to the government,

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subject to the usual reservations concerning internal departmental memoranda.

[Text]

ALL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR WILLIAM BROCK AND MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE CONCERNING FIRA

Motion No. 99—**Mr. Herbert:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all letters, memoranda, minutes of meetings and other forms of communication since January 1, 1981 between the United States trade representative, Ambassador William Brock, and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce relating to foreign investment and the Foreign Investment Review Agency.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

Mr. Smith: I ask, Madam Speaker, that the other notices of motions be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: Shall the other notices of motions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY MINES AND RESOURCES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Wednesday, May 19, consideration of Bill C-102, to amend the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources Act, as reported (with an amendment) from the Standing Committee on Energy Legislation, and the motion of Mr. Pinard (for Mr. Lalonde).

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) had the floor.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Madam Speaker, I understand that we are again debating Bill C-102 and that I had the floor the last time the bill was considered. This is report stage of Bill C-102, which is a bill to create energy Crown corporations exclusively by order in council rather than by legislation.

When we left the bill I was on my feet responding to an amendment proposed by the hon. member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty), and I said I would conclude my remarks on that amendment when the bill was next before the House, and that is today.

There are two amendments to Bill C-102. I think I have already said that we had no trouble with the other amendment proposed by the Conservative Party and that it should be accepted to further democratize, so far as that is possible, the working of this bill. Then there is the amendment I have referred to and I have something to propose which I have not