

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 4, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

VIA RAIL

INVITATION FOR MINISTER TO ATTEND BEFORE SENATE
COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, given the unanimous request of the Senate Committee on Transport asking the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) to rescind his July 27 decision to terminate 19 per cent of VIA Rail passenger services, and whereas the Senate transport committee has invited the Minister of Transport to appear before it to explain his actions, a request which the minister has so far ignored, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm):

That this House directs the Minister of Transport to accept immediately the invitation from the Senate transport committee asking that he appear promptly before the said committee to give evidence and answer questions regarding his regrettable decision to terminate VIA Rail passenger service.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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UNITED NATIONS

TRIBUTE TO CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CANADIANS SERVING IN
PEACEKEEPING FORCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Madam Speaker, 25 years ago today, on November 4, 1956, the General Assembly of the United Nations in special session adopted a resolution to resolve the Suez Canal crisis by the creation of a United Nations peacekeeping force under the command of a great Canadian, General Burns. This resolution, sponsored by the then secretary of state for external affairs, the Right Hon. Lester B. Pearson, in the name of Canada, marked the beginning of United Nations peacekeeping forces and won for its author the Nobel Peace Prize.

Pursuant to Standing Order 43 I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) and the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That this House recognizes the contribution made by those Canadians who have served and continue to serve in these United Nations peacekeeping forces, and particularly those who lost their lives, and that this House renews its commitment to the United Nations effort to promote world peace.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Does the House agree to the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY

MINISTER'S POSITION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville): Madam Speaker, the attitude of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gray) toward changing the Foreign Investment Review Agency is resulting in keeping vital foreign investment out of Canada which, in my constituency alone, accounts for approximately 80 per cent of present industrial jobs created by American and British capital. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce clarify immediately whether or not he intends to proceed with serious curtailment of foreign investment in Canada, particularly American, and in relation to border areas such as Leeds-Grenville that the minister confirm immediately a government policy of discontinuing the practice of halting legitimate American investment at the New York State-Ontario border which has made him known as the minister of industry for northern New York State.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.