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That the minister take the necessary steps to ensure that all applicants for refugee status have no less rights than Canada affords to one accused of crime, namely, the right to counsel at every step, the right to oral hearing at every step, and the right to benefit of the doubt.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS—PETITION TO
SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Ursula Appoloni (York South-Weston): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter that has perhaps never been more urgent in the life of this nation. In this morning's edition of *The Globe and Mail*, it was reported that the Premier of Saskatchewan was preventing Canadian women from having full equality of rights which would be guaranteed in the Canadian Charter of Rights.

Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Trinity (Miss Nicholson):

That this House calls upon the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam and the hon. member for Vancouver East, as well as the following NDP members from Saskatchewan; the hon. member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake, the hon. member for Humboldt-Lake Centre, the hon. member for Prince Albert, the hon. member for Regina East, the hon. member for Regina West, the hon. member for Saskatoon East, and the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville, to petition their fellow New Democrat, the Premier of Saskatchewan, to change his current position so that provisions to ensure guaranteed rights for women will be included in the resolution now before Parliament.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

● (1410)

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): I rise to debate the matter very briefly, Madam Speaker, by adding an amendment that the name of the Leader of the New Democratic Party, the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), be added to the list that was presented in the motion.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, I rise, too, to speak briefly to the motion. Your Honour heard no "nays" from this corner, and I would simply add, as a footnote, that I would like to see a similar motion put, with the same unanimous endorsement, including the entrenchment of aboriginal rights for the native people of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I just want to express my sympathy for the hon. members from Saskatchewan who did not want to support the charter in the first place because the premier of that province did not accept the resolution which was before the House for many months. Now they are in a terrible position. I just want to express my sympathy.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): I would like to add one further remark, and that is to ask the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett) to apologize to the Premier of B.C. for blaming him for having been the stumbling block in this negotiation, now realizing that it is the Premier of Saskatchewan who has stopped it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, the reason British Columbia and Alberta came around was because people like me named them.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I certainly support the intent of the motion. I would like to move an amendment to the motion that we further call upon all premiers to restore Section 34, granting aboriginal rights, to the constitutional resolution.

Madam Speaker: Order. I am afraid that all amendments are out of order. I had not yet put the motion to the House. However, I guess what I must do—the hon. member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn).

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): I just want to add a few words, that if the members of the New Democratic Party from Saskatchewan are not able to convince the Premier of Saskatchewan, I will certainly try to do my level best.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I want to support the motion to reinsert the equality of men and women in the Constitution. It is a position I have taken at the committee, a position I have supported all the way along, and it is a position for which I am continuing to lobby.

Mr. Nielsen: Don't talk it out.

Some hon. Members: Question!

Hon. Judy Erola (Minister of State (Mines)): Madam Speaker, it seems that all of a sudden everyone in this House would like to take credit for what has happened in the last week, but the credit really belongs to the women of this country—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!