

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 31, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### ENERGY

PROPOSED COMMITTEE STUDY OF INCREASED COST OF ELECTRICITY IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

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**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. My motion is prompted by the incredible increase in electric power costs to the Maritime consumer and the callous attitude of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Gillespie) to the plight of those who are literally being forced to sell their homes because of this punishing escalation in heating costs. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Stanfield):

That this House directs the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works to make a full inquiry into the situation concerning the rapid escalation of electric heating costs to Maritime consumers, and that in the course of these investigations the premiers of the Maritime provinces be invited to give evidence.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for such motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

SUGGESTED CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT TO PURCHASE LOCKHEED "ORION"—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Considering that the financial position of the Lockheed Corporation is dangerously precarious and considering also that the risks to Canadian taxpayers are immense if the Government of Canada proceeds with its intention to purchase Lockheed Orion aircraft, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instructs the government to cancel an earlier multi-million dollar decision to purchase the said aircraft.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent, pursuant to Standing Order 43?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

● (1410)

### NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO RESIGNATION OF MR. GUY BEAUDET—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to move, pursuant to Standing Order 43, a motion of considerable concern to the ports and shipping communities of Canada. The prospects of the loss of the vice-president of the National Harbours Board and the more than 25 years of service to shipping interests, coupled with the impairment of the National Harbours Board capacity to function in its financial responsibilities in a legal fashion with the resulting problems this will pose for virtually all ports in Canada, give rise to the need for information. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House direct the government and particularly the Minister of Transport to forthwith table all correspondence between the Deputy Minister of Transport, the Minister of Transport and any other responsible minister and Mr. Guy Beudet, leading up to his resignation so that the Canadian people will understand the reasons for this sudden and debilitating loss and that the minister take the first opportunity, later today, to advise this House on motions of the reasons behind this resignation, and of this government's intentions regarding further and necessary appointments to the National Harbours Board.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 43, the motion must have unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORTS ON MERCURY IN FISH—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

Considering that the federal government, through its Department of the Environment, made in its own laboratories analyses on the mercury content of various species of fish from several areas in Quebec and that the Department of the Environment and the Quebec Department of Tourism, Fish and Game can be held responsible for not having made the results public while these indicate, according to some information, that in many cases the fish analyzed contained more than .5 ppm of methyl mercury, which is the limit beyond which the fish become unsuitable for