

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 31, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NUCLEAR ENERGY

COMMENDATION OF SAINT JOHN DOCK WORKERS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, because of Argentina's failure to have signed the nuclear proliferation agreement, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That this House commend the dock workers at Saint John for their refusal to load the nuclear bundles which were to have been shipped to Argentina today by a Canadian government agency, AECL.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, in 1960 Canada was home to the second-most productive people in the world. By 1970 we had slipped into third place. By 1980 Canada had plunged into eleventh spot in terms of productivity. In light of the fact that the greater part of this slide occurred during the administration of the current Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan-Similkameen (Mr. King):

That the Prime Minister resign for having unwisely exploited Canada's natural resources while failing to cultivate our human resources.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

CHARTER OF RIGHTS

APPLICATION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS EMPLOYEES—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I have a motion under Standing Order 43. Given that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides in Section 2(d) for freedom of association, and in view of the interpretation of the Acting Minister of Justice before the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution on January 22, 1981, that freedom of association covers the right to organize and bargain collectively, and since exclusion from the Public Service Relations Act effectively denies freedom of association to the messengers, bus drivers, kitchen staff and all other employees of this House, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That this House reaffirm its commitment to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms by explicitly terminating the extraordinary privileges of the House with respect to its employees.

Madam Speaker: I am not sure whether this motion is in order. However, I will put it to the House. Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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BILINGUALISM

IMPOSITION ON TORONTO AIRPORT BUSINESS OPERATIONS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, small businesses are under ever-increasing pressure today thanks to ever-increasing government intervention in all phases of their operations. For example, the government is forcing the 38,000 retail grocery stores in Canada to purchase new metric weigh scales from foreign manufacturers. Now it appears that the small franchise operations at Toronto's international airport are being forced to employ bilingual staff in an area which, of course, is multilingual. What a shame that they will have to fire Italians, Portuguese, Chinese or others because they cannot speak French. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for North Vancouver-Burnaby (Mr. Cook):

That this order to impose rigid bilingualism at all Toronto airport business operations should be considered insulting and unconstitutional to the immigrant populations of Toronto and an added burden to the already overburdened independent businesses trying to make a living there.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?