

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, October 21, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE BUDGET

PROPOSED NATURAL GAS EXPORT TAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I expect the unanimous consent of the House to my motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity; and as we get closer to the budget, it becomes more urgent and more pressing. Because the imposition of a tax on exported natural gas would reduce provincial revenues in British Columbia and thereby limit the province's ability to provide to its people such services as hospital and medical care; and because such a tax would also tend to dampen the effort being put into the search for additional energy supplies in British Columbia, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That this House urge the Minister of Finance to refrain in his forthcoming budget from imposing a tax on natural gas and other forms of energy.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIR CANADA

CALL FOR DECISION ON AIRCRAFT FUEL SUPPLY TO BE LEFT TO PILOT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I would like to move a motion. In view of the testimony by a pilot at the air safety hearings yesterday that Air Canada puts subtle pressure on pilots to accept low fuel supplies on certain flights and that this has already caused incidents where flights have been forced to land to refuel before reaching their destination, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle):

That this House calls upon the Minister of Transport to require Air Canada to leave the decision on how much fuel is taken on for each flight entirely up to the pilots.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIRPORTS

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—LANDING FEES FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to put a motion of urgent and pressing importance. In view of the government's plan to increase substantially the fees charged to private pilots landing at Canadian airports effective on November 1, 1980, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Clarke):

That the Minister of Transport be directed to cancel his plans to raise the landing fees from \$1.65 to \$5 per landing for light aircraft flying into Vancouver International Airport until such time as the government carries out the commitment made by the former Progressive Conservative minister of transport to reactivate the alternative Boundary Bay airfield for general aviation use, a commitment which must be met promptly if air safety is to be maintained in the Vancouver control area.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Vince Dantzer (Okanagan North): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas the policy of this government is to pay \$36 a barrel for heavy oil from Venezuela and Mexico and to force refineries to accept this oil rather than to use heavy oil from western Canada priced at \$16.75 a barrel, and because paying foreign producers while there is a surplus of heavy oil in western Canada represents an oil policy so out of touch with reality that it staggers the imagination