HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 26, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIR CANADA

SUGGESTED INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TO TRAVEL AGENCIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of continuing revelations concerning the activities of air carriers and travel agencies which are so well known they do not need repeating in detail at this time, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley (Mr. Gillies):

That the Minister of Transport check immediately on possible violations of the Aeronautics Act prohibition against discriminatory rates and, further, since it is standard practice for shareholders in a company to seek to recover funds spent by management in an illegal or unauthorized manner, that the minister consider asking the CNR, as a principal shareholder of Air Canada, to initiate such action in regard to any under-the-table payments made by the current management of Air Canada, and that the Minister of National Revenue in regard to the same matter, order his department to inquire into whether Canadian travel agencies have reported any payments as taxable income and whether Air Canada or any other Canadian airline has attempted to claim payouts for this activity as a tax deductible expense.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is presented pursuant to Standing Order 43. It cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

PENITENTIARIES

PROPOSED COMMITTEE STUDY OF COMPENSATION TO FAMILIES OF EMPLOYEES KILLED DURING COURSE OF DUTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, my motion is under the provisions of Standing Order 43. It is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the recent sad and unfortunate death of Mary Steinhauser in the B.C. Penitentiary in the course of her employment with the Penitentiary Services, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That the subject of compensation for the families of those who may be killed in the course of their duty to the Penitentiary Service and therefore to their country be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for recommendation and report to parliament.

Mr. Speaker: The motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

REQUEST FOR RESTORATION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF CRIME—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the recent requests of the Quebec police and the Canadian Municipalities Association for the restoration of the death penalty; in view of the frightening rate of violent crimes and murders since the beginning of the year, as evidenced in Montreal, for example, where the number of murders is equivalent to the number of days gone by in a year; considering that it must be admitted that this government by its slackness and its alleged sense of humanitarian compassion led us in a world where policemen and victims are wrong, where criminals are more protected than honest people and where bandits are heroes enjoying a great deal of publicity, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That this House of Commons may discuss now the urgent need to reinstate the death penalty for those convicted of murders committed during armed robberies, robberies with violence, kidnappings, political crimes, etc, and also make a comprehensive study of the whole problem of crime in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Once again, I regret to have to say to the hon. member that I must continue to disallow discussion on the general subject of capital punishment presented in the form of a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43.

[English]

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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USE OF ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE TO PATROL AN AREA IN THE LAURENTIANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion arising from the urgent and pressing necessity of ensuring at all times proper expenditure of public funds. I move,