

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 16, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY

REQUEST AGENCY STOP PROPOSED SALE TO PIRELLI OF CGE PLANT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Canadian General Electric has announced its intention to phase out the building wire and power cable operation at its Peterborough plant, a decision which would lead to the loss of some 300 jobs in Peterborough. Some of the employees who would lose their jobs have more than 40 years' experience at CGE.

In the light of a petition signed by 3,655 employees and friends, and because the company which has offered to buy the wire and cable equipment from CGE, Pirelli Cables Limited, is a foreign-controlled company, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence):

That the government, through the Foreign Investment Review Agency, stop the sale to Pirelli so that the jobs at Canadian General Electric in Peterborough might be safeguarded.

Madam Speaker: Under the terms of Standing Order 43, such a motion would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

STUDY ON PENSIONS—REQUEST FOR INTERIM REPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. MacDonald) has informed this House that veterans' pensions are being studied as part of a larger pension review by the Department of National Health

and Welfare. I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That this House require that the Minister of Veterans Affairs bring in an interim report on veterans' pensions and that the minister assure the House that any Veterans Affairs legislation be separate from a Health and Welfare omnibus bill, and that the resultant pension increases be retroactive to the date of the introduction of Bill C-28 in the Thirty-first Parliament.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of the courageous struggles against apartheid which took place in the black township of Soweto near Johannesburg, South Africa.

In view of the fact that hundreds of schoolchildren were killed in the terrible repression which ensued, and in view of the South African government's continuing denial of basic human rights to its citizens, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong):

That this House express its support for all those struggling against the evil system of apartheid in Soweto and throughout South Africa; and, further, that this House unequivocally condemn the government of South Africa for its policies of repression.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

EXPULSION OF MEMBER OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN NOVA SCOTIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The executive of the New Democratic Party in Nova Scotia has expelled from membership Paul MacEwan, a member of the provincial