

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, December 5, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIRPORTS

HAMILTON—REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EXPANSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of unwarranted, inexcusable and unacceptable delay on the part of the Minister of Transport in selecting Hamilton Municipal Airport for expansion to a regional airport, for which there is no defence, an announcement regarding expansion having been made by the government some time in the early part of 1972, and because such indecision not only frustrates the citizens of Hamilton and district, but, as well, is unduly restricting the growth of the regional municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth in terms of business opportunity, employment, growth and revenue, all of which is known, or ought to be known, by the Minister of Transport, I seek to move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the Minister of Transport approve forthwith the site of the existing Hamilton Municipal Airport for expansion to a regional airport and that he make a definitive statement in that regard in this House prior to December 25, 1977.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion at this time requires unanimous consent. Is there consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTED STIMULATION OF FARM ECONOMY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The gravity of the slide in farm incomes—down about one quarter from 1975—has been brought home once again by the recent layoffs of 500 workers by Massey-Ferguson in Brantford.

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To remove some of the uncertainty facing farmers and the industries that depend on them, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin):

That this House urge the government to announce immediate steps to stimulate the farm economy.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented to the House only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED PROTEST TO FRANCE OVER CRUELTY OF PÂTÉ DE FOIE GRAS INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Since the government of France in a most insincere and hypocritical manner has banned the importation of harp seal furs into France because of the alleged cruelty of the seal hunt, and since the government of France continues to ignore the fact that in the production of pâté de foie gras the Frenchmen treat with great cruelty the French goose—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie:—which is force fed and otherwise handled in an outrageous manner to satisfy the palates of the Frenchmen and the jaded appetites of the wealthy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

That the Government of Canada send a diplomatic note to the Government of France drawing to the attention of that government the cruelty practised by the pâté de foie gras industry of France and the abhorrence this practice arouses in all civilized countries and requesting the French government to outlaw this practice, and further, that this House directs the government to make the necessary orders in council to forbid the importation of pâté de foie gras into Canada immediately as requested by the Save the French Goose Society.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Before such a motion can be presented, unanimous consent is required under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: No!