

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 12, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

PROPOSED REPORT BY PRIME MINISTER ON TRIP TO BRITISH COLUMBIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since the Prime Minister and about ten of his ministers are paying a one week's visit to British Columbia while the House is peacefully in session, and since British Columbia has been administered for several decades by Social Credit governments, which accounts for the fact that that province is ahead of many Canadian provinces as far as the prosperity of its people is concerned, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That this House immediately consider the opportunity of asking the Prime Minister as soon as he returns from his training session in administration and management by the Social Credit government of British Columbia to table in the House a complete report about all he has learned about efficient administration, so that all Liberal backbenchers who were unable to take the trip may profit from the British Columbia experience.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Since there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE OFFENCE AGAINST FOREIGN ENLISTMENT ACT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. It appears that Security Advisory Services of the United Kingdom is the body recruiting mercenaries in England for service in Angola with funds provided by the CIA. This organization has caused an advertisement to be put in the *Globe and*

Mail of February 10, 1976, in effect seeking to enlist the services of Canadians as mercenaries, contrary to the provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, section 11, which prohibits any person from recruiting or otherwise inducing any person to enlist in armed services operating in another state.

Therefore, and in view of the resolution passed by this House opposing all armed intervention in Angola, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That the Minister of Justice (Mr. Basford) be directed to investigate this matter forthwith and if the facts disclose an offence or offences against the Foreign Enlistment Act, to take the necessary proceedings.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 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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ENERGY

SUGGESTED DIRECTION TO ENERGY BOARD TO EXAMINE ALL EVIDENCE TO ENSURE SAFETY OF TRANS-CANADA PIPELINE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the evidence produced by a former safety inspector for Trans-Canada Pipelines and offered to the National Energy Board by the CTV television network to substantiate allegations that welding done on substantial sections of the Trans-Canada pipeline running through Manitoba and Ontario are of such poor quality as to constitute a safety hazard has yet to be examined by the National Energy Board, although it is freely available, and further that the chairman of the National Energy Board, Marshall Crowe, has issued a press release expressing his complete confidence in the safety of the line without having examined the evidence, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That this House directs the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Gillespie) in his responsibility for the National Energy Board, to instruct the chairman of the Board itself to examine any evidence offered to them by the CTV television network to assure the safety of the Trans-Canada pipeline beyond any reasonable doubt, before any further reports are released by the Board for public consumption.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion cannot be presented without unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: No.