

Communications Policy

move, seconded by the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez):

That this House call upon the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to appear before the Standing Committee on Regional Development at its next sitting.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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COMMUNICATIONS

REFERENCE OF POLICY PAPER TO COMMITTEE—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the recent green paper outlining proposals for a communications policy for Canada explicitly draws attention to the growing inability of the Canadian Transport Commission to reflect the interests of Canadian consumers in regulatory hearings, and because this criticism bears directly on the validity of the rate increases awarded to Bell Canada, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That the paper on "A Proposed Communications Policy for Canada" be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

Mr. Speaker: This motion also requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

An hon. Member: Who said "no" over there?

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[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES AT FORTHCOMING
FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I would like to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the minority situation of the party in office and the ever growing importance of social security throughout this country, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Tétrault):

That a representative of each of the parties in this House accompany the Minister of National Health and Welfare at the federal-provincial conference of the Ministers of Social Affairs.

[Mr. Knight.]

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion. Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent. The hon. member's motion cannot therefore be put.

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[English]

MARRIED WOMEN'S PASSPORT BILL

PROVISION FOR ISSUANCE OF PASSPORT IN NAME ON
BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-173, respecting a passport issued to a woman who is married.

An hon. Member: Explain.

Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, this bill is about sexual equality. Its purpose is to make it possible for a woman who is married to have the same right as a man by enabling her to have a passport issued to her in the name which is set out on her birth certificate should she so desire.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**ENERGY**

NATURAL GAS—DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ALBERTA AND
ONTARIO—STATEMENT BY MINISTER—GOVERNMENT
POLICY AND ROLE

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources was stating government policy last night when he indicated that the federal government does not have any role with regard to any potential differences that may exist between the province of Alberta and the province of Ontario over certain energy matters.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could respond to that question. I did not use the terminology and phraseology referred to by the hon. member. Rather, I indicated that we did not want to get into the middle of the acrimony which was developing between—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The minister will appreciate the difficulty the Chair is faced with. When there is allusion in a question to a statement made outside the House it is recognized practice that the inquiry should be limited,