

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 18, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CONDEMNATION OF U.S.S.R. TRIAL AND SENTENCE OF YURI ORLOV—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a motion which I trust will receive the unanimous agreement of the House. I ask leave, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, to move a motion under Standing Order 43 which concerns the case of Yuri Orlov, the Russian physicist who has been tried and convicted in the Soviet Union for the so-called crime of forming a group to monitor Russia's human rights performance against the pledges made in the Helsinki agreement. I therefore move, seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. MacEachen):

That this House deplores the trial and extremely severe sentence given Yuri Orlov by the Soviet Union for his activities with the Moscow-Helsinki group, activities which in Canada would be perfectly acceptable.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Presentation of such a motion for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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AGRICULTURE

BEEF STABILIZATION PAYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron-Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. We were advised some months ago that a stabilization payment would be made to beef producers who marketed cattle for slaughter in the first quarter of 1977, the producers realizing that the Minister of Agriculture probably intended that this payment would be sent

out during an election campaign. Now that there is no immediate election coming, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Wise):

That the Minister of Agriculture immediately announce the amount of the payment to be made and make provisions to get this payment into the producers' hands as soon as possible, because we are now well past the first quarter of 1978.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a 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.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

CALL FOR REVIEW OF 48 PER CENT RULE ON WIDOWS' PENSIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes), I move:

That this House warmly welcomes last week's announcement concerning an increase in the basic rate of the war disability pension and now calls on the Minister of Veterans Affairs to expedite his review of the 48 per cent rule that applies to the pensions of the widows of veterans, it being the view of this House that where the veterans' disability pension was below 48 per cent there should be a prorata pension for his widow as a matter of right.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a 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.

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● (1412)

CANADA COUNCIL

GRANT TO FACTORY THEATRE LAB OF TORONTO—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity concerning a matter I have raised several times recently in the House, namely, the giving of Canada Council grants by the Department of the Secretary of State to some very peculiar organizations. I refer specifically to a grant in the amount of \$60,000 given to the Factory Theatre Lab of