

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, March 2, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EL SALVADOR—CANADIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, on February 6, 1981, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan) and the foreign minister of Venezuela agreed that there should be no foreign intervention in El Salvador. On May 27, 1980, the President of Mexico and the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Trudeau) jointly expressed a commitment to "the free expression of the will of the respective peoples of Latin America without foreign interference." Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That this House direct the Secretary of State for External Affairs to make a clear statement of Canada's position regarding the military intervention of the United States, or any other foreign government, into the present civil strife in El Salvador.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) appointed the minister of housing as the regional minister responsible for the interests of the constituents of Durham-Northumberland and Peterborough ridings. During his anointed reign we have lost the Parks Canada regional office to another minister in Cornwall, the Dash-8 assembly plant to the minister's own elected region of York, and the Eldorado nuclear plant in Durham-Northumberland to a Liberal cabinet minister in Nickel Belt. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence):

That the regional cabinet minister, the minister of housing, has shown a blatant political bias and a conflict of interest between his elected constituents and those whom he was appointed by the Prime Minister to represent, and that this House calls for his immediate resignation as the minister responsible for the ridings of Peterborough and Durham-Northumberland.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

CHARTER OF RIGHTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I am confident that all members of the House will unanimously support the following motion which I will move under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the new constitutional position outlined by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp) on Friday evening, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nunatsiak (Mr. Ittinuar):

That this House congratulate the constitutional spokesman for the Conservative Party for stating for the first time that the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada favours binding the provinces to a charter of rights.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

ENERGY

REQUEST FOR EQUALIZATION MEASURES CONCERNING OIL FOR ALL CANADIANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Marcel Dionne (Chicoutimi): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of this House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Whereas the Alberta Premier, Mr. Lougheed, has acted despotically in reducing unilaterally by 104,000 barrels a day oil production in his province and whereas Mr. Lougheed has systematically refused all the offers of the Canadian government concerning oil prices, even during the seven months when