

Criminal Code

vice-president of Connaught Laboratories, our most important supplier of vaccines, has stated that Canada could very quickly become self-sufficient in large-scale vaccine production, and that "it would be a very small price to pay for not having to rely on outside sources in other countries who can only help us when their own needs are fulfilled, especially in a potential epidemic situation like the one we may be experiencing this year," I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

● (1410)

That the question of the means by which Canada might most speedily be made self-sufficient in the production of vaccines be referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs for study and report.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

ENERGY

PROPOSED COMMISSION TO MAKE INVENTORY OF CANADIAN RESOURCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to discuss an urgent and important matter.

As the federal government does not have the means to evaluate scientifically Canadian oil and gas reserves, and as it has become urgent to assess our energy resources because we use a considerable amount of oil, which resource is not renewable, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That this House order the government to take all necessary steps as soon as possible to create, with the approval and participation of the provinces, a commission on Canadian resources which would be responsible for estimating our energy needs for the next 25 years as well as the availability of adequate reserves to meet the needs of all Canadians.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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CRIMINAL CODE

REQUEST FOR REFERENDUM ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for unanimous consent of

[Mr. Yewchuk.]

the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that Canadians are completely opposed to Bill C-84 aimed at abolishing the death penalty, that the government seems determined to ignore the opinion of the majority of Canadians on this subject and that democracy cannot survive nor prosper unless the views of the majority of citizens are taken into account, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette):

That this House examine immediately the possibility of a national referendum on the question of capital punishment and this before the final vote on Bill C-84 is called, to enable hon. members to vote according to the will clearly expressed by all Canadians.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the hon. member's motion. 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: There is not unanimous consent; therefore, the motion cannot be put.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL SECURITY

ALLEGED INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY PRIME MINISTER TO SECURITY SERVICE—POSSIBLE CONTRADICTION OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Solicitor General. General M. R. Dare, the Director General of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Security Service, indicated in a letter to Mr. Robin Bourne, Chairman of the Security Advisory Committee of his ministry, that the RCMP received instructions from the Prime Minister in effect restricting the inquiries of the secret service with regard to certain of its investigations in mid-1975. Can the minister inform the House whether he is aware of these instructions issued by the Prime Minister to the RCMP with respect to their investigation, and whether he had any input into the decision to issue such instructions?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, since the hon. member mentions my name, I think I might be permitted to reply. I prefer to begin by saying that I did not recognize the existence of this letter from our top security person to our second top security person. I am somewhat distressed that such a letter exists and is in the hands of the public. I, personally, only read this letter for the first time five minutes ago when I was in the House. I can state unequivocally that there are at least two inaccuracies in the letter. I understand that it is being referred to a cabinet committee in order to see if the instructions therein are exact. Such reference has not taken place.