

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 6, 1977

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FISHERIES

LOBSTER FISHERMEN—REPLACEMENT OF GEAR DAMAGED BY STORM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43 I rise to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Since severe storm damage in Western Newfoundland has had disastrous effects on gear and boats of lobster fishermen, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie):

That this House orders that emergency measures be taken by the Minister of Fisheries to provide replacement assistance to lobster fishermen affected by the limited season.

Mr. Speaker: Under the terms of Standing Order 43 the motion can be presented only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

Mr. Speaker: The motion, therefore, cannot be put.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

CONDEMNATION OF FAILURE TO ENFORCE HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS FOR GRAIN ELEVATORS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the terms of Standing Order 43.

The commission report of Dean Finn of the University of British Columbia, established by the Minister of Labour to investigate health and safety in grain elevators on the B.C. waterfront following the death of five workers, was completed in October, 1976. The report has not yet been made public, but it details the fact that federal labour inspectors have failed to properly enforce existing laws and safety regulations. Whereas Dean Finn documents serious and hazardous working conditions in grain elevators not only in B.C., but across Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House condemns the contravention of existing health and safety regulations, and the lack of enforcement by the Department of Labour, and urges the government to implement Dean Finn's recommendations.

Mr. Speaker: The motion can be presented under the terms of Standing Order 43 only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

REQUEST FOR TIGHTENING OF ABORTION PROVISION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Further to the announcement made by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Lalonde) on March 4 about hospital services provided for women, which include abortion on request, considering also that in the provision of such special services it seems to be agreed that the father has no responsibilities after conception, and that such measures are directly contrary to the opinion and convictions of the vast majority of Canadians, and that the 1969 amendment to the Criminal Code allowed for an overly wide interpretation of cases where the mother's health is threatened, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):

That the House urge the Minister of Justice (Mr. Basford) to amend the Criminal Code to make the legislation on abortion more restrictive.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.