

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, July 14, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### POST OFFICE

#### CONDEMNATION OF CREATION OF TWO TYPES OF POSTAL SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgency. In light of the fact that the government has established a double standard for postal delivery during the current strike, a standard which promotes subsidized courier service for wealthy clients of the Post Office, and because such service has not been made available to small business clients, most of whom have had to resort to courier dispatch at their own expense; nor has such a service been offered to lower income or needy Canadians, a growing and great majority of the population, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halton (Mr. Jelinek):

That the government be soundly condemned for creating two types of postal service in Canada, one for the rich and another for the poor.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

#### POSTAL STRIKE—CALL FOR RESTORATION OF SERVICE TO ALL CANADIANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta):** Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that the Government of Canada has chosen to violate its own postal monopoly by contracting with private couriers to provide continued Priority Post services to favoured customers, and whereas many direct mail businesses, such as World Wide Industries of Richmond, British Columbia, are faced with laying off hundreds of employees immediately as a consequence of the government's incompetent tolerance of the national postal strike, I move under Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the government admit to the catastrophe which it is causing for thousands of small businesses and their employees, and that it take immediate

action to restore postal services to all Canadians, instead of giving favoured status only to wealthy customers.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### ENERGY

#### INVESTMENT PRACTICES OF ALBERTA GOVERNMENT'S HERITAGE FUND—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton-Middlesex):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas some great Canadian companies such as Petro-Canada, Dome, Seagram and the CDC are showing their faith in the entrepreneurial spirit by Canadianizing the petrochemical industry through astute business takeovers, and whereas the Alberta government has seen fit to invest its Heritage Fund in no risk, low yield bonds, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cardigan (Mr. Campbell):

That this House condemns the Alberta government and its Premier for not investing its energy royalties in the future of Canada's oil and gas industry.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### POST OFFICE

#### POSTAL STRIKE EFFECT ON FLORISTS—CALL FOR RESTORATION OF SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) himself has confirmed that before the current postal strike the Post Office made a sweetheart deal with its rich so-called priority clients to provide them with mail delivery during the strike at rates subsidized by the taxpayer. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Miss Carney):

That the government move immediately to ensure normal postal service at normal rates for all Canadians, including the thousands of flower shops across Canada, such as "Hearts and Flowers" and others in Charlottetown, P.E.I., for