

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 18, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

REGULATIONS GOVERNING ALLOWANCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, whereas every Canadian who volunteered for service during World War I and World War II in effect offered his or her life for the country, and every man and woman went where they were directed by the government—the soldier, sailor or airman had no choice of the theatre in which he served—I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the present regulations of the Department of Veterans Affairs providing veterans allowances only to those who served in an actual theatre of war outside Canada be amended, and that all applications from veterans be considered fairly without reference to where the enlisted person served.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE BUDGET

EFFECT ON INSURANCE INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, the recent budget of the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) has knocked the foundations out from under Canadians making plans for the lifetime financial security of their families. Last year 85 per cent of Canadian families who bought life insurance policies grossed less than \$25,000 in income per year. Now insurance industry figures indicate that the new budget will mean a reduction of 20,000 jobs in the industry across Canada, and up to 4,000 in the Kitchener-Waterloo area alone. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rosedale (Mr. Crombie):

That the Minister of Finance repeat his reversal of yesterday and remove his attack on average Canadians who want to protect themselves for the future, and

that he instruct his officials to correct the chaos created in the Canadian insurance industry by the budget.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

U.S.S.R.—CALL FOR RELEASE OF DANYLO SHUMUK, UKRAINIAN PATRIOT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Madam Speaker, my motion concerns the plight of Danylo Shumuk, a 68-year-old Ukrainian patriot who has been imprisoned in the Soviet Union for many years. He is in failing health, and we now learn that he is to be sent into internal exile for the final five years of his imprisonment. Given that Mr. Shumuk has many relatives in Canada who would be glad to receive him, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Guelph (Mr. Schroder):

That this House strongly urges the Soviet authorities to review their intent to send Danylo Shumuk into internal exile, and that because of failing health he be released from prison to join relatives in Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam 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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MARINE TRANSPORT

INTERPROVINCIAL FERRY SERVICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity in which the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) will be interested. In view of the fact that the federal government is proceeding to abandon its responsibility to link the Atlantic provinces with marine transportation, beginning with a 50 per cent reduction in summer ferry service