

And further calls upon the government to do all in its power to undertake a humanitarian effort to save the lives of political refugees who had taken refuge in Chile.

**Mr. Speaker:** This motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent.

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### ENERGY

#### POSSIBLE SHORTAGE OF NATURAL GAS FOR NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA INDUSTRIES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Labour and industry in northern British Columbia are panicstricken as a result of announcements made by Westcoast Transmission and Inland Natural Gas which indicate a possible shortage of supply of natural gas to large industrial users in that area. Industrial plants have been notified by letter of this fact.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have to interrupt the hon. member at this moment. I think, as we resume the current session, that hon. members should try to keep in mind the strictures set down from time to time by the Chair on the basis of long established precedents in relation to Standing Order 43. I think it is basic and essential that hon. members should remember that Standing Order 43 is a very special Standing Order in that it allows a member to seek the unanimous consent of the House without debate. If hon. members take advantage of this Standing Order to make statements and speeches advancing arguments in support of the motion they wish to propose for the unanimous consent of the House, then it would be, I suggest, in order to allow other members who hold contrary views to make their own speeches. Standing Order 43, I suggest, can be used only in very special circumstances, and without argument or supporting statements.

**Mr. Oberle:** Mr. Speaker, I apologize for my lengthy preamble. In the absence of a policy that can deal with a crisis of this nature, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta (Mr. Reynolds):

That the Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources be instructed to immediately work out a solution to this problem and to particularly study the restriction or curtailment of the flow of natural gas to the United States.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member's motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43 and requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

### Energy

**Mr. Speaker:** There does not appear to be unanimity. The hon. member's motion cannot be put at this time.

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### PUBLIC BUILDINGS

#### COMMISSIONING OF WORKS OF ART—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane):** Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 43 I seek the unanimous consent of the House to put a motion.

The question of the commissioning of works of art for public buildings has come under fire, both as to the method of selection and quality of art. Since many Canadian artists feel they are not given equal opportunity and since, as chairman of the committee—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The comments I have just made in relation to the motion proposed by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River, which also apply, I might say in passing, to the comments made by the hon. member for Greenwood in support of his motion, apply to the motion proposed by the hon. member for Cochrane. I suggest that no argument should be advanced in support of a motion proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43.

**Mr. Stewart (Cochrane):** Mr. Speaker, I will leave out the rest of the preamble. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Montreal-Bourassa (Mr. Trudel):

That the whole question of the commissioning of works of art by government be referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts with instructions for the committee to report back to this House with its findings and specific recommendations.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Cochrane. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent and the motion cannot be put at this time.

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### MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[Translation]

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### ARAB-ISRAELI WAR

**Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 26, I ask leave to move a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration,