

Air Canada

Mr. Speaker: Order. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, the motion cannot be put without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

METRIC CONVERSION

WITHDRAWAL OF PROVISIONS CONVERTING LAND MEASUREMENT SYSTEM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the announcement by the government of the Province of Alberta that it will not convert its land measurement systems from acres to hectares, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this House commend the Government of Alberta for reflecting the views of the majority and request that the minister consider withdrawing those provisions in the metric bill presently before the House providing for such changes in the area of federal jurisdiction.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No!

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AIR CANADA

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF GROUP OF INDIANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my motion is presented under the terms of Standing Order 43 as well. I wish to lay before the House an incident which may involve the most horrendous example of racial discrimination. I refer to the treatment of a group of native people by our national airline at the Ottawa airport. On Sunday afternoon, June 26, some 15 native persons returning home to the Northwest Territories and the Yukon from their annual conference in Ottawa were ordered off Air Canada flight No. 179, even though they held confirmed seats and were already placed on the plane. They were told that the computer had no record of their group.

To the best of my belief they were taken off this plane in order to give preferential treatment to other passengers. I am told their subsequent treatment by the people's airline was shameful and also of a discriminatory nature. In light of the foregoing I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

[Mr. Caouette (Villeneuve).]

That this House issue a reference to the Standing Committee on Transportation presently examining certain aspects of Air Canada's operations.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the presentation of such a motion for debate can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

An hon. Member: Government by computer!

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

LACK OF PENSION FOR WIDOW OF VETERAN WHOSE DISABILITY PENSION WAS LESS THAN FORTY-EIGHT PER CENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, because I believe that all members of the House support the intent of this motion, I ask leave to present it under Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this House notes the increasing concern of all veterans' organizations with respect to the rule under which a veteran's widow receives no widow's pension unless the veteran was in receipt of a disability pension of 48 per cent or more, and this House calls on the government to correct this situation without further delay by providing pro-rata pensions for widows of veterans in cases where the veteran's disability pension was less than 48 per cent, as recommended by the Woods Commission, the Hermann Commission and the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Presentation of such a motion for debate can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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COMMUNICATIONS

SUGGESTED WITHDRAWAL OF DECISION NOT TO LICENSE CHANNEL 4 TRANSMISSION BY ARROW LAKES SOCIETY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent necessity, namely the decision of the CRTC, reported in the *Arrow Lakes News*, to refuse to renew the licence for the Arrow Lakes Television Society to carry channel 4 Spokane, effective September 30, 1977. In light of the fact that for over 20 years this Society has provided TV service to the residents of the town of Nakusp without a penny of federal funding, in light of the fact that for most of those 20 years there has been no CBC or CTV signal for them to carry, and in light of the fact that, largely due to the efforts of this Society, this government has saved money by no longer having to include Nakusp under the accelerated coverage program, I move,