

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 17, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

SLAVE LAKE, ALBERTA—REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO
CLOSING OF INDUSTRIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that millions of dollars of public funds have been allocated and invested through the Department of Regional Economic Expansion to industries in the Slave Lake area of Alberta, and in view of the present situation whereby several of the industries in receipt of substantial DREE funding have been forced to close, resulting in loss of jobs and financial difficulties for other business enterprises in Slave Lake and for the town itself, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion cause extensive inquiries to be made into this situation to determine the exact cause of what appears to be a matter of considerable magnitude affecting the immediate economy of the area in question and to determine whether the officials of his department were properly vigilant in their investigation and supervision of these companies to which substantial federal aid was offered, and also that the minister table, for the benefit of members, the material and data relevant to the situation.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 and cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM RCMP FILES CONCERNING
MESSRS. GEIVANDOV AND STAROWICZ—MOTION UNDER S.O.
43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 arising from Dr. Morton Shulman's very questionable press statement today that he possesses a copy of the RCMP file on Soviet journalist Konstantin Geivandov, and from remarks which can no longer be considered confidential made Thursday to me by Dr. Shulman, that CBC producer Mark Starowicz gave reports on NDP Waffle members to Geivandov. I would

move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

It is the opinion of the House that it is now essential that the Solicitor General forthwith make public details from RCMP files concerning Soviet journalist Konstantin Geivandov and CBC executive producer Mark Starowicz, including names of persons on whom files were compiled for Mr. Geivandov by Mr. Starowicz and, finally, the Secretary of State report to the House on the reasons for the strange and bungling manner in which the CBC has handled this situation.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion is proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 and cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

PROPOSED RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DEATH PENALTY FOR
PREMEDITATED MURDER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and immediate necessity.

Statistics Canada has announced that the homicide rate has increased by 11.8 per cent in 1974 and that, during the same period, no fewer than 475 persons were assassinated in Canada. Since it is urgent to protect law-abiding Canadian citizens against murderers who no longer have to worry about their lives, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Laprise):

That this House study as soon as possible measures that may be taken to protect honest citizens against criminals and that thought be given to re-establishing capital punishment in cases of premeditated murders, so as to ensure the protection of citizens, given the increase in the homicide rate.

Mr. Speaker: The motion requires unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent, so the motion cannot be submitted.