

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 25, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AGRICULTURE

SHORTAGE OF CATTLE FEED—CONTINGENCY PLAN TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the lack of pasture and shortage of cattle feed that is prevalent in several areas of the prairies, in view of the fact that a contingency plan was put in place in 1977 to allow hay to be cut in Riding Mountain National Park and Prince Albert National Park, and in view of the fact that limited grazing in Riding Mountain National Park would cause no appreciable or lasting damage to the wild life habitat, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of the Environment move immediately to allow cattle to graze, and feed to be harvested in Riding Mountain National Park and Prince Albert National Park where it is feasible.

Madam Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

PRIORITIES AND PROGRAMS FOR 1980s—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgency under Standing Order 43. In view of a Department of Indian Affairs report which restates what we already know, that Indians on reserves still are struggling to feed their families, acquire an education, find adequate jobs, stay off alcohol and keep out of jail, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development immediately state on motions his priorities and programs for the 1980s to begin remedying this urgent situation.

Madam Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

COMMITTEE STUDY OF CONDITIONS ON RESERVES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas in a recent report the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has again admitted to very serious problems on reserves relating to crowded living conditions, and whereas infections, respiratory diseases, suicides and violence on reserves are four to five times higher than national levels, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That the government House leader direct the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development to leave their committee rooms and go out as a group to at least 12 reserves, six in western Canada and six in eastern Canada, to gain first-hand knowledge of these deplorable conditions.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT—CANADA-U.S. DISCUSSIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In light of the fact that it is expected the United States Senate will give consideration to an emergency appropriations bill that would provide \$9.7 million in additional funding to the Garrison diversion project in North Dakota on Friday of this week, and in light of the fact that personal representation to U.S. senators on the part of Manitoba members of Parliament during this past week proved valuable in establishing Canada's case against the Garrison diversion unit and the environmental disaster it could bring to Manitoba, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That this House authorize an all-party delegation to be sent this week to Washington, D.C., to meet with U.S. senators to discuss the grave implications