

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 15, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### AIR TRANSPORT

INQUIRY INTO CRASH OF PWA AIRCRAFT AT CRANBROOK, B.C.—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of substantial public urgency and concern. In light of the unacceptable position in which the Ministry of Transport finds itself with respect to the crash of a Pacific Western Airlines' jet at Cranbrook, British Columbia, on February 11, which claimed 43 lives, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Brisco):

That this House direct the Minister of Transport to appoint forthwith a member of a senior court of competent jurisdiction to inquire into the relevant facts surrounding this tragedy, and further direct the minister to introduce legislation establishing an independent commission of inquiry for all transport-related accidents in Canada.

This would avoid in future tragic conflicts of interest such as have occurred in this case.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

INDEPENDENT BOARD TO INVESTIGATE AIRPLANE CRASHES—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie):** On the same topic, Mr. Speaker, I should like to move, as a matter of urgency and public importance, a similar motion under the terms of Standing Order 43. In view of the February 11 crash of the PWA jet at Cranbrook airport in which 43 people were killed, the refusal of Ministry of Transport officials to provide the coroner with an unabridged transcript of radio conversations surrounding the tragedy, and in view of the conflict of interest in which the department finds itself by being involved in the

crash while at the same time investigating it, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That this House instruct the Minister of Transport to establish an independent board to investigate and report on airplane crashes.

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

### FINANCE

LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE 10 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR  
CANADIAN-MADE PRODUCTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Considering the dilemma in which the Canadian government finds itself as a result of problems created by federal intervention in a strictly provincial jurisdiction, such as the retail sales tax; and considering that the federal proposal aimed at increasing the purchasing power of consumers through a reduction of the retail sales tax has given rise to many problems, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That the House urge the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) to introduce a bill granting a 10 per cent discount on Canadian-made products to increase the purchasing power of Canadians without creating conflicts with provincial governments.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Presentation of such a motion for debate under Standing Order 43 would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.