

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 29, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NON-SMOKERS' RELIEF ACT

SUGGESTION BILL C-242 BE PUT FORWARD AS GOVERNMENT MEASURE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald), I move:

That Bill C-242 which deals with smokers in transit be put forward as a government bill in order to facilitate its passage through the House prior to adjournment.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Once again I express serious reservations about procedural matters being contained in motions moved under Standing Order 43. In any event, 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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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CENSORSHIP OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity with regard to copies of certain internal documents of the international service of the CBC which have come into my possession and which indicate, among other things, an attempt by the Department of External Affairs to influence and censor CBC Russian language broadcasts critical of the Communist system on such matters as persecution of Jews in the Soviet Union; and a direct attempt by the Department of External Affairs to silence comments by CBC Russian language commentator Dr. F. Yaroshevsky of 30 Judith Drive, Toronto, as outlined in a series of questions on today's Order Paper. I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That an immediate parliamentary inquiry be made of the programming of Radio Canada International to countries in eastern Europe, particularly the Soviet Union, for purposes of determining the degree of censorship exercised by the government, in particular by the Department of External Affairs and certain senior CBC personnel, in influencing program content away from criticism of the Communist system,

Soviet mistreatment of Jews, the subjects of politics, economics or religion; and finally, that the Secretary of State for External Affairs be required to apologize publicly on behalf of the government to CBC Russian language commentator Dr. F. Yaroshevsky of 30 Judith Drive, Toronto, for slanderous accusations made against him and subsequently proven false.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AIR TRANSPORT

REQUEST THAT FRENCH ONLY BE USED IN AIR COMMUNICATIONS IN CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion about an urgent matter calling for immediate attention.

Since the information paper issued to members of parliament by CALPA insists that CALPA is not Anti-French but in favour of using a single language, and since CALPA maintains as well in that paper that the use of two languages may cause air accidents and jeopardize air safety, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That the House urge the government to respond to the very commendable concern of CALPA about safety by establishing French unilingualism in air communications in Canada so as to avoid the hazards which could result from the use of both languages in air communications.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent, such a motion cannot be put.