

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, September 10, 1971

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

TRADE

PROPOSED UNITED STATES POLICY TO ASSIST EXPORTERS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion under Standing Order 43 in a case of urgent and most pressing necessity. This matter is the imminent possibility that the United States Congress and government will give its exporters a further advantage over Canadian manufacturers in the Canadian and foreign markets by allowing its exporters to suspend payment of income taxes indefinitely.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams):

That this House urge the Acting Prime Minister to make a statement in this House today setting out the government's plans, if any, to counteract the disastrous effects upon Canada's trade and general economy if the American government puts this policy into effect, rather than reacting after the event.

Mr. Speaker: The motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED AMCHITKA NUCLEAR TEST—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard), to move the following motion under Standing Order 43:

This House is of the opinion that:

Inasmuch as the U.S. brass, many big U.S. environmental protection and other agencies to the contrary, can set off the biggest underground blast ever at Amchitka Island;

That they can set it off in the least spoiled part of the Pacific Ocean in the midst of an earthquake zone and with the certain result that deep-seated rocks and deep-seated underground waters

will be contaminated with radioactive waste for thousands of years; and

Inasmuch as we've got to stop this travesty on justice, this flaunting of one of nature's fundamental laws as soon and as finally as we possibly can;—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the hon. member going to indicate what the motion will be? I must say I did not understand that the motion had been put. Of course, if it has the Chair will take note of it.

Mr. Rose: I am reading my motion, Mr. Speaker.

Therefore be it resolved that this House of Commons express its unequivocal objection to the proposed nuclear device test scheduled by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission on Amchitka Island for October and that we communicate this resolution to the President of the United States of America forthwith.

I am sure there will be unanimous consent because the preamble to my motion—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Rose: —was taken word for word from a speech by the Minister of the Environment—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot argue the case in favour of unanimous consent. He has explained the circumstances of the motion. The motion is before the House. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

Mr. Lewis: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I wonder whether it would assist Your Honour and the government if I suggested that we would be prepared to have this motion passed without debate.

• (11:10 a.m.)

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: There are yeas and nays, and it takes but one nay to determine that unanimous consent is not forthcoming.

An hon. Member: The President of the Privy Council said yes.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

NATIONAL SECURITY

CIVILIAN SECURITY FORCE—MEANING OF MINISTER'S STATEMENT RESPECTING POLITICAL FACTORS—POLICY ON USE OF INFORMERS

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): I want to direct a question to the Solicitor General. It is one which