

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 12, 1972

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

TRADE

IMPOSITION BY UNITED STATES OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY ON MICHELIN TIRES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43. This motion arises out of the revelation yesterday that the United States government is planning to apply countervailing duties against tires exported to the United States by the Michelin Tire Company of Canada. Such action could lead not only to a further major disruption of the Canadian tire industry in central Canada by causing Michelin to dump all their tires on the domestic market but, beyond that, to the complete undermining of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion's programs in eastern Canada and elsewhere, whose success is largely dependent on the availability of the U.S. export market.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I assume the hon. member will now indicate what the motion is that he proposes for consideration by the House.

Mr. Broadbent: I will do so right now, Mr. Speaker. I was just coming to the motion.

Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That at the next sitting of this House the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion make a statement on motions which will indicate what the government intends to do to cope with the very serious situation.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 it 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; therefore the motion cannot be put.

• (1110)

OIL

ISSUANCE OF PERMIT BY UNITED STATES FOR ALASKA PIPELINE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move the following motion under the terms of Standing Order 43:

In view of U.S. Interior Secretary Morton's decision to permit construction of an oil pipeline in Alaska to carry oil to giant tankers for shipment along the coast of British Columbia involving inevitable spillage of oil and the desecration of our western waters and beaches, that this House urge the Prime Minister to make direct and immediate representations to the President of the United States urging a reconsideration of the decision to permit pipeline construction.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF TAPS TANKER ROUTE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I seek consent to move a motion, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis), arising out of the decision of the United States Department of the Interior to grant a licence to construct a pipeline in Alaska and, consequential upon that, to move oil by tanker down the west coast. There is an urgent and pressing necessity for this country to attempt to determine, first, what the opinion of the public is and, hopefully finding it opposed to this route, to thus attempt to consolidate it. I would therefore move:

That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry be authorized immediately to travel to British Columbia for the purpose of hearing witnesses regarding the proposed oil tanker route from the State of Alaska to the State of Washington and that the necessary staff do accompany the said committee.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, am I to understand that the government has scuttled this proposal as well as the other one?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.