

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 17, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS IN HALL COMMISSION REPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this House commend the Hon. Emmett Hall for the work he has done and the recommendations he has made for retention of the Crowsnest Pass rates and direct the Minister of Transport, in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board, to make a statement on motions as to his intentions with respect to the implementation of the recommendations of the Hall Commission and, further, to scrap the confidential report that recommends the ending of the Crowsnest Pass rates, in light of this repudiation of the inflexible, blanket user-pay concept in transportation.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such motion can be presented for debate in the House only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Paproski: Ralph Goodale said no.

SUGGESTED IMPLEMENTATION OF HALL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON STATUTORY RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43 similar in nature to the motion just moved. It, as well, is urgent and pressing and is in regard to the report of the Hall Commission tabled in this House yesterday which contains a recommendation that the statutory grain rates be retained and that the difference between the statutory rate and the cost of transporting grain be paid directly to the railways. If I may have the unanimous consent of the House, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That this House calls upon the government to immediately implement the recommendation of the Hall Commission on statutory rates.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, such motion can be presented to the House for debate only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Paproski: Ralph Goodale again said no.

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ENERGY

PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR NEW COAL MINES IN NOVA SCOTIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Since a privately financed international study group which included Canada's National Energy Board Chairman, Marshall Crowe, and Maurice Strong, Chairman of Petro-Canada, Canada's national oil company, who both were involved in this study, that study predicting that demand for oil in the non-communist world will probably overtake available supplies some time between 1985 and 1995, and possibly by 1981; since electricity costs in Nova Scotia, a province which is a large importer of oil, have increased about 100 per cent over a two year period; and since in April there were 14,476 active claimants on the unemployment insurance rolls in Cape Breton, and some 3,500 applications for jobs in the Cape Breton coal mines, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, along with Devco, immediately start feasibility studies for new mines in Donkin and New Victoria in Cape Breton county.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion for debate. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

● (1410)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

TRANSPORT

IMPLEMENTATION OF HALL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. In view of the