

Garrison Diversion

That the report of the Ontario royal commission on violence in the communications industry be referred to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

RECOMMENDED OBSERVANCE OF PROVISIONS OF HELSINKI AGREEMENT AND OTHER COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 seeking unanimous consent on an urgent and pressing matter. In view of the opening today of the Belgrade conference on the Helsinki Final Act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis):

That this House urges the signatory countries to faithfully observe human rights and related international covenants and expresses the concern of Canadians at repression and persecution of peoples seeking to enjoy fundamental freedoms.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

REQUEST THAT UNITED STATES IMPOSE MORATORIUM ON GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. My motion is prompted by the fact that yesterday the United States house of representatives ignored the first report of the International Joint Commission on the Garrison diversion project when they gave approval to an appropriations bill which included \$18.6 million for the Lonetree reservoir whose waters will have a serious effect on Manitoba: that this bill was approved even though the report of the International Joint Commission has not been completed; and in light of the fact that President Carter supports the Canadian position. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

[Mr. McGrath.]

That this House instruct the Secretary of State for External Affairs to make strong representations to the government of the United States to put an immediate moratorium on the Garrison diversion project until the International Joint Commission report is complete, and that he respectfully request President Carter to veto funds for the project.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate pursuant to Standing Order 43 only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

IMMIGRATION

INQUIRY AS TO WHEREABOUTS OF FIVE DRAGONS—POSSIBLE RETENTION OF LANDED IMMIGRANT STATUS UPON RETURN TO CANADA

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my questions are again on the subject on which the government refuses to have an inquiry and relate to the means for meeting the threat posed by organized crime in Canada. My first question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Since the individuals referred to as the Five Dragons enjoy status as landed immigrants in Canada, can the Minister of Manpower and Immigration tell the House whether the minister or the department knows the present exact whereabouts of the Five Dragons; and can he confirm that one or more of them have left the country?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, adopting the nomenclature of the Leader of the Opposition, our information on the Five Dragons is that four of them are not in the country and are believed to be probably in Taiwan. I might say that with regard to the allegations of corruption in Hong Kong a commission was in fact set up in 1974. Two of these five individuals came to Canada in 1967, two in 1968 and one in 1973, prior to the allegations of corruption in the police force.

Mr. Clark: Mr. Speaker, the minister has confirmed that at least four of these individuals are now out of the country. Is it the intention of the government, if they return to this country, that they will retain their landed immigrant status?

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, under the law of the land, as it presently exists, an individual establishes a domicile or a landed immigrant status. One of the "Perqs" that goes with this is that he has the right to move inside and outside the country. This is a matter we expect to be looking at on an individual basis. We have set up the immigration lookout system, and we will have to predetermine what action, if any, we can take against these individuals.