

S.O. 43

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POSSIBLE TAKE-OVER OF COME-BY-CHANCE OIL REFINERY—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the fact that the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Jamieson) is reported by the *Clarenville Packet* as having advised that he had meetings with three reputable companies to discuss the possible take-over of the Come-By-Chance oil refinery, and that a number of options are open to the federal government, and in talks in the United States he had been told that "there was talk of using Come-By-Chance and all other surplus refining capacity in eastern Canada on a basis that would help supply the eastern seaboard of the U.S. if Canada would establish Come-By-Chance as an 'in bond' refinery with American crude in and American finished products out destined for the United States," I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

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That the minister make a statement on motions outlining the reputable companies he has met with who might take over the Come-By-Chance oil refinery, and whether or not the government of Canada is entering into arrangements so that the oil refinery at Come-By-Chance could be used as an 'in bond' refinery so that the 600 persons once employed at the refinery might again have jobs available, or advise the House whether his interview with the *Clarenville Packet* was in reality meaningless.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRANSPORT

RECALL OF CHRYSLER CARS FOR MODIFICATION—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move an urgent and pressing motion. In view of the fact that certain models of Volaré and Aspen cars which have been sold in Canada have been found to have design defects which could cause the cars to stall under potentially dangerous circumstances, in view of the fact that the Automobile Protection Association made the departments of transport, both in Canada and in the United States, aware of this problem last October, and in view of the fact that on December 20 the United States department of transport announced Chrysler was recalling over one million cars that have been affected, in order to have the defect corrected, and while as yet no recalls have happened in Canada—allegedly because dealers do not have the parts—I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan):

[Mr. Speaker.]

That this House instruct the Department of Transport to instruct Chrysler to commence recall on the 200,000 cars involved in Canada and to explain why the recall could be commenced three months earlier in the United States than in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion is permissible, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT CASH REQUIREMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1978-79

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance, who appears to be tiptoeing through the parliamentary process in a desperate attempt not to bring a budget into this House. Last evening he was at least forced to admit that the government's cash requirements for the coming fiscal year will be about \$11 billion.

Would the minister indicate if this is the total cash requirement, including the requirements that may be needed with respect to Crown corporation borrowings which the government has got into the habit of not including in their cash requirements?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, on the contrary, yesterday I was not forced to make that statement: I made it on a very voluntary basis. I came into the House to ask for an increase in the borrowing authority that we have always had on interim supply. I volunteered the information to the House, rather than trying to hide anything, on the cash requirements of the government.

For many years, Crown corporations have been borrowing in the marketplace like other businesses. Of course, when they borrow on their own, we do not have to include them as borrowing from the government. I said that the cash requirement of \$11 billion for 1978-79 included \$2.6 billion in interest and bonus payments. That is a one-shot affair; it is not something we had to cope with last year. The cash requirement for the normal operations of the government will be similar to what we have this year.

Mr. Stevens: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister referred to the fact that Crown corporation borrowings are not included in the cash requirement as revealed last night.

Mr. Chrétien: Some.