

S.O. 43

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POST OFFICE

FORT McMURRAY, ALTA.—REQUEST FOR IMPROVED SERVICE—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the postal service in Fort McMurray is unable to expand mail delivery to new districts in Fort McMurray due to a lack of staff and present budget allocations for staff, and whereas Fort McMurray is a high growth area and new subdivisions are being built eight to ten miles from the nearest post office, causing severe hardship to residents of these new areas, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley):

That this House instruct the minister responsible for the Post Office to review immediately the budget allocation to Fort McMurray and provide the necessary funds to provide the proper service required so that—

And I quote the government's constitutional proposal.

—every citizen may move to and take up residence and pursue the gaining of a livelihood in any part of Canada without the prejudice which is presently being manifested by the lack of federal government services to Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada.

Madam Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NORTHERN TELECOM

RECEIPT OF INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL AWARD—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Garnet M. Bloomfield (London-Middlesex): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. On Monday, October 6, Northern Telecom was informed by the Institute of International Promotion and Prestige of Geneva, Switzerland, that the Institute had selected it for its highest annual honour, the international industrial award. The institute is presenting the award to Northern Telecom in recognition of its emergence as a successful multinational, its record of penetration of key telecommunications markets outside of Canada and its technological leadership.

Northern Telecom Limited is the first Canadian company to receive the international industrial award and only the second company in North America to be so recognized. Therefore, I

move, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That the Government of Canada pass on to Northern Telecom Limited its best wishes for this prestigious accomplishment and continued success in maintaining Canada's exceptionally high profile in the field of computer technology.

Madam Speaker: I think we will have to revise this matter of offering felicitations under Standing Order 43. I will accept this one for today but I think there should be a discussion among House leaders about this.

This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAST AND PRESENT PAGE STAFF—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Madam Speaker, I accept your admonition. With respect to strangers in the House may I point out to you the urgency of my motion under Standing Order 43, which arises from the recognition that since the opening of Parliament on Monday we have had among us 38 of the perhaps most welcomed strangers this House has had occasion to have visited upon us. They are the best, Madam Speaker, I might add, of over 300 applicants from all corners of this nation. These strangers are neither elected nor are they officers of the House.

I want to set the record straight, thus the urgency of my motion. I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Boniface (Mr. Bockstael): That this House expresses its appreciation to those pages, those young men and women, who served us so ably last year, and extends to the 38 "strangers" our congratulations and welcome, expressing at the same time our collective hope that their work and effort among us is both rewarding and fulfilling, as we all know it was for their predecessors.

Madam Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. I gather there is unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Moved by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall):

That this House expresses its appreciation to last year's pages and extends its congratulations and welcome to the new "strangers", expressing at the same time that each and every one will find their work with us rewarding and fulfilling in every way.

Motion agreed to.