

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 5, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE UNTIL
NOVEMBER 30, 1973

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to announce that Her Majesty the Queen has approved the continuance in office of the Right Hon. Roland Michener as Governor General of Canada until November 30, 1973 and that the Governor General has agreed to remain in office for this period. This is the second time that His Excellency has consented to remain in office for a further period and is an indication of the dedication he brings to the high responsibilities of this office.

[Translation]

I am sure, Mr. Speaker, that the people of Canada highly appreciate the eminent services that Mr. Michener has performed with the capable and gracious assistance of Mrs. Michener and that they will heartily welcome Her Majesty's consent to extend the Governor General's term of office.

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[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER REGULATIONS—REQUEST
FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I rise to seek the unanimous consent of the House on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity concerning the difficulties arising from the new regulations regarding air charter travel and the immediate effect upon the Canadian public. Inasmuch as the new advance booking charter regulations will have the net effect of making air charter travel more expensive, more difficult and discriminatory for large numbers of the travelling public, while at the same time failing to provide adequate safeguards for passenger funds, together with the prospect of driving a significant part of the air charter business out of the country, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Ritchie):

That the new regulations governing air charter travel be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications and that the committee be empowered to call as witnesses representatives of the airlines, the Canadian Transport Commission, members of the travelling public, officials of the Department

of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Minister of Transport.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD.—TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FOR
OFFICE BUILDING—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT
TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask leave of the House to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the widespread opposition to a 20-storey complex in St. John's, Newfoundland, of which Canadian National is to be the principal tenant, and of the transfer of Canadian National property to the St. John's Development Corporation. This property, owned by the Canadian National, should be publicly advertised, with tenders called for its purchase.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to interrupt the hon. member. He is now submitting argument in support of his motion. The hon. member cannot do that. According to the practice relating to Standing Order 43, the hon. member should indicate what the motion is that he proposes for the consideration of the House.

Mr. Carter: I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House instruct the Minister of Transport to have the CN defer all future negotiations or actions in this case; that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport; and that all agreements, correspondence and related material be tabled in this House.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent to the motion proposed by the hon. member for St. John's West?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.