

CHARTER OF RIGHTS

APPLICATION TO HOUSE OF COMMONS EMPLOYEES

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, since Canada's new Charter of Rights and Freedoms enshrines freedom of association under Section 2(d), I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That this House agree that the right of free association for the purpose of discussing terms and conditions of employment applies to all people in Canada, including employees of the House of Commons.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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AIR CANADA

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST EMPLOYEES

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Air Canada is offering management personnel a golden handshake of up to two years' salary for voluntary separation, but refuses to make an offer on similar terms to its other employees, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That this House instruct the minister of Transport and the President of Air Canada to remove their discrimination against Air Canada employees who made Air Canada successful.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EFFECT OF UNITED STATES LEGISLATION ON OIL DRILLING RIG EMPLOYEES

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the enactment by the U.S. Congress through an abuse of procedure, adding to a commercial fisheries bill enforcing the Pacific Fisheries Agreement by the U.S. with Japan, certain provisions affecting Canadians and other non-U.S. personnel who work on U.S.-owned oil drilling rigs engaged to drill in offshore areas outside the U.S., which provisions remove the right of non-Americans or their survivors to seek compensation in U.S. courts for injury or death caused while working on U.S. rigs outside U.S. waters when there is compensation available by law in the country of the victim, legislative

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provisions already objected to by Canada and other countries but enacted under lobbying pressure from U.S. oil rig and insurance companies, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Government of Canada protest in most vigorous terms to the President of the U.S. and to the U.S. Congress with respect to the enactment of the said legislation and that the Government request President Reagan to veto the legislation, and that if such a Canadian protest is ineffective and the legislation becomes law, that Canada take the necessary steps to refuse permission for U.S.-owned oil drilling rigs to operate within Canadian territorial waters and the Canadian 200-mile economic zone until such time as the legislation is revoked.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

TRADE

PROPOSED UNITED STATES COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON CANADIAN LUMBER

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Madam Speaker, my question was for the Minister of External Affairs. In his absence, I would like to address it to the Acting Prime Minister. It has to do with the proposed imposition of countervailing duties by the United States on our lumber exports, to the tune of 65 per cent of current market prices. These initiatives by the United States are a clear reflection of this Government's policies of economic nationalism and anti-Americanism.

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Has this crucial problem, in light of the importance of our lumber industry in Canada, been discussed in Cabinet? Understanding that the Ministry of Trade is giving every possible assistance to the industry defending itself before the tribunal that has been established in the United States and the International Joint Commission, what other steps is the Government taking directly to protect our industries from this crippling imposition of countervailing duty on our lumber?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the Minister responsible for International Trade and myself both made public statements on this when we were in British Columbia about ten days ago. In sum, what we are doing is co-operating with the industry and the Province in presenting our case to the United States tribunal to indicate that this is not a question of hidden subsidy or of dumping, and that the complaints by the United States lumber industry, are unjustified in this particular case.