

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 11, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ENERGY

RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATION OF SITES IN OTTAWA AREA—
REQUEST FOR INQUIRY IN DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE
MATERIAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of reports by William Bush, a scientific advisor to the Atomic Energy Control Board, that waste material from one extraction process has contaminated several sites in the Ottawa area, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River:

That this House direct the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to launch an immediate investigation into the alleged contamination of a number of sites in the Ottawa area by radioactive waste material, and report these findings to the House along with those remedial measures he intends to take to protect the health and safety of Ottawa area citizens.

And further:

That this House direct the government to initiate a public inquiry into the methods by which radioactive material is handled by industry, and monitored by the Atomic Energy Control Board to assure the safety of citizens, not only in the Ottawa and Port Hope areas, but across Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Under Standing Order 43, unanimous consent is required. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

REFERENCE TO STATEMENT ON PENSIONS FOR PRISONERS OF
WAR PROMISED BY MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move, seconded by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe:

● (1410)

That this House reminds the Minister of Veterans Affairs that tomorrow is Thursday, the day he has promised to make a statement regarding legislation respecting Canadian veterans who were prisoners of war, and that we await with hope the statement we trust he will be making.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure all hon. members are agreed that a matter which has been under constant

discussion and which anticipates a statement by a minister is scarcely a matter of urgent and pressing importance, but I am sure that both hon. members will understand their point is being pressed again in another way.

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[Translation]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO INVESTIGATION OF POLITICAL
CONTRIBUTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with an important issue.

Considering that every citizen is entitled to be considered and treated fairly and with deference, considering the aggressive and arbitrary manner of the RCMP officers making inquiries about several citizens who have contributed in good faith to the financing of political parties, as set forth in Canada Elections Act and considering that those same officers have extracted statements with threats, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the government undertake a legal investigation on the manner in which the RCMP conducted the said inquiries.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent, the motion therefore cannot be put.

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[English]

TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH FREIGHT COSTS ON FEED
GRAINS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I also rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, that matter being the federal government's feed grain policy in so far as it relates to the total lack of action in the area of feed freight assistance. The federal government promised over two years ago to take the necessary steps to remove or modify the feed freight assistance program, at least as far as the Montreal area is concerned, but there has never been any effort made to do so. Therefore I