

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, October, 24, 1975

The House met at 11 a.m.

[English]

NEW MEMBER

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has received from the Chief Electoral Officer a certificate of the election and return of Maurice Harquail, Esquire, member of the electoral district of Restigouche.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCED

Maurice Harquail, Esquire, member for the electoral district of Restigouche, introduced by Hon. Mitchell Sharp and Hon. Roméo LeBlanc.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIRPORTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY MINISTER ON THE DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF MIRABEL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the extraordinary expense to Canadians because of this grandiose, and semi-obsolete in design, airport at Mirabel, the opening of which has been mercifully delayed following the official opening which featured champagne and lobster for the VIPs and tear gas for the local farmers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington):

That the Minister of Transport, in view of the importance of the situation, make a statement on motions at the earliest opportunity and appear in the same way before the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications to deal with the many apparent difficulties in the operational capacity of Mirabel such as the problems and deficiencies in the electrical, plumbing and heating systems and to state unequivocally that he as Minister of Transport has been fully briefed on all details relevant to operational reliability for passengers and equipment as well as employee safety and the purchase and appraisal methods and procedures involved in acquiring land for Mirabel which contains some interesting details, and perhaps the most fundamental of all, that the runway conditions and standards are acceptable by ICAO as set out in Annex 14.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: A motion under Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PROPOSAL THAT COMMITTEE STUDY APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSMAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with a crucial matter.

Considering that the protection of the citizen must be the basic concern of any government, that this basic concern for civil liberties must be evidenced in more tangible terms and that the federal government does not sufficiently endeavour to determine the best means to provide the citizen with the best protection in its relations with the latter, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamouraska (Mr. Dionne):

That this House take the necessary action to consider the possibility of creating a position of ombudsman to improve the protection of the citizen in its relations with the state.

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

HEALTH

PROPOSED COMMITTEE STUDY OF CHEMICAL ADDITIVES TO FOOD—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that as many as seven per cent of North American children are thought to be suffering from hyperactivity, and in certain areas the figure may reach 40 per cent; and in view of the fact that not only is hyperactivity a serious social and learning disability for the child, but it often leads to delinquency in the teenager and crime and violence in the adult; and in view of the fact that scientific