

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, September 18, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ENERGY

U.S. REJECTION OF OVERLAND ROUTE TO MOVE OIL TO CHERRY POINT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion on a matter of pressing national importance, namely, the report that the United States administration has, in effect, rejected any overland alternative to the use of supertankers at Cherry Point to provide crude oil for the Puget Sound area and the revelation from Washington that the Canadian government has not yet formally proposed any alternative overland scheme. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon):

That this House expresses its unalterable opposition to use of the Cherry Point terminal by oil supertankers and requests that the minister of external affairs make a full statement outlining the government's formal position and what measures the government will undertake on this critical matter.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES ACCORDED NEW DEMOCRATS AS OPPOSITION PARTY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 to request the permission of the House to move a motion, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie). In view of the New Democratic Party's continued support of inadequate government economic policies resulting in the inability of parliament to deal effectively with the high cost of living, this House requests an examination be made as to whether the New Democratic Party is entitled to continue receiving the extra benefits and privileges customarily accorded to parties in opposition to the govern-

ment and not customarily accorded to groups or parties in coalition with the government.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has considerable doubt whether this kind of motion ought to be placed before the House. I think hon. members will agree that the matter should be taken under advisement.

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FOOD PRICES

SUGGESTED RESUMPTION OF YESTERDAY'S DEBATE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Peter Reilly (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to all the people of Canada. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halton (Mr. O'Connor):

That this House resume immediately the debate on food prices which adjourned at 10 p.m. last night.

Mr. Speaker: This motion requires unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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TRANSPORT

RAILWAY FREIGHT RATES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the Minister of Transport's statement to the House on August 30, 1973, that he would ask the railway companies not to increase their rates for 18 months, and in view of the fact that on September 1 of this year, one day after his statement, the railways put into effect a 6 per cent increase on all agreed charges affecting our largest volume shippers, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Battleford-Kindersley (Mr. Horner):

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That this House instruct the Minister of Transport to advise the railways to immediately remove their increase of September 1 as per the minister's suggestion to them of August 20.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.