

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, January 23, 1981

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STATUS OF WOMEN

TABLING OF AFFIDAVIT BY MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Since the minister responsible for the status of women has stated that an affidavit exists which he tells this House supports his position, and since his parliamentary secretary and the hon. Minister of State for Mines (Mrs. Erola), all of whom participated in yesterday's debate, have failed to produce the hidden affidavit, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That this House direct the minister to produce and table the affidavit, which he says exists and to which he has referred.

Madam Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CALL FOR CONVENING OF SOLICITORS GENERAL MEETING—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, owing to the horrifying 30 per cent increase in house burglaries in Canada, police departments are grossly overworked, the courts are unable to deal with the cases and the jails and penitentiaries are insufficient to hold the offenders. Since this massive increase in crime can be tied directly to the poor economic climate in this country and the resulting high unemployment, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That the Solicitor General of Canada be called upon to convene a meeting of solicitors general of all the provinces to determine exactly what course of action should be taken, apart from the improvement in the general economic conditions, to help alleviate this problem.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

REFERENCE OF MARKET ASSURANCE PLAN TO STANDING
COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given the rapidly increasing cost of production in agriculture today, and realizing that farmers have an urgent need for income early in the crop year, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That the Canadian Wheat Board's proposed market assurance plan, which is very similar to that proposed for wheat by the emergency grain movement task force early in 1979, be immediately referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture for refining.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

CROWN CORPORATIONS

ELDORADO NUCLEAR LTD.—APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 to raise a very urgent question.

The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has stated in the House that he agrees with Eldorado Nuclear Ltd. to replace the Auditor General with private auditors. Since this would restrict the power of Parliament and do away with integrated auditing principles for Crown corporations, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn):

That this House direct the Minister of Energy to reconsider his approval of the order in council appointing private auditors for Eldorado Nuclear Ltd.