

S.O. 43

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS CONCERNING HOLIDAYS OF JUNE 24 AND JULY 1—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

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

Considering that under Standing Order 2(3), June 24 and July 1 are legal holidays on which there is no sitting of the House; considering that this year, June 24 and July 1 fall on a Saturday when usually parliament does not sit, and to prevent the staff of the House of Commons as well as members of parliament from losing the holidays on June 24 and July 1, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House authorize an amendment to Standing Order 2(3) by adding the following: When the holidays of June 24 and July 1 fall on a Saturday or a Sunday, the House will not sit on the Friday preceding June 24 and July 1.

Mr. Speaker: 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 such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

STORMS

DECLARATION OF SOUTHEASTERN MANITOBA AS DISASTER AREA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order No. 43. In view of the unfortunate loss of life and devastation of property caused by two tornadoes which struck southeastern Manitoba on June 19, 1978, namely, in the areas of Morris, Aubigny, St. Pierre, St. Elizabeth, Greenland and Ste. Anne, I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

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That the Government of Canada co-operate with the province of Manitoba in assessing the damage with the view of declaring the affected area a disaster area.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate, pursuant to the Standing Order, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Motion agreed to.

[Mr. Speaker.]

FILMS

REQUESTED BAN ON IMPORTATION OF SACRILEGIOUS FILM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I know that a similar motion was presented on this matter previously: I reintroduce it now in the hope of getting unanimous consent without debate.

A pornographic film made in Sweden depicting Jesus Christ, who many of us believe is the Son of God in human flesh—as we acknowledge in the prayers opening parliament—and who even humanists and agnostics acknowledge as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, man who ever lived, is allegedly to be allowed to come into Canada with the permission of the customs and excise branch of the Department of National Revenue. In view of the sacrilegious and extremely offensive nature of this film, which has already been banned in England, France and Israel, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That the minister in charge of customs and excise prevent the movie "The Many Faces of Christ" coming into Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL UNITY

REQUEST FOR EARLY REPORT OF TASK FORCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that members and staff of the task force on national unity are resigning from time to time to become Liberal candidates in federal and provincial elections, apparently having obtained whatever publicity value they could squeeze out of the task force itself, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

That the task force be requested to complete its report immediately so that members and staff are still available to complete the report, and that a grateful government arrange to provide automatic Liberal nominations in federal and provincial districts for the redundant members and staff or award the Order of Canada to former members and staff as they depart from their duties inspired by the realization that government constitutional proposals have not had to await their recommendations.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.