

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 26, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

WILDLIFE

HUMANE TRAPPING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. My motion is urgent and pressing because of the decisions likely to be taken today and tomorrow in Quebec city at the federal-provincial wildlife conference affecting the federal-provincial committee on humane trapping whose mandate could end next year, and also because of the unanimous report on humane trapping tabled in this House on Monday, April 24. I move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen):

The conference in Quebec be informed of the view of this House to the effect that research and field testing of humane trapping devices be continued and be co-ordinated by the federal-provincial committee on humane trapping for at least a further two years beyond its present mandate in an effort to develop humane trapping methods and a code of humane trapping ethics, and that provincial governments and the industry be urged to collaborate with this committee in this worthy endeavour.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDUSTRY

CANADA-U.S. AUTO PACT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising out of the news that the federal government has become involved in a bidding war to attract auto plant investment to Canada, and specifically arising from the news that as a result of his failure to convince Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited to live up to its obligations under the auto pact, in spite of having profits in

Canada during the 1971-75 period which were more than double their profits elsewhere in the world, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce has offered Ford Motor Company a subsidy of \$37.5 million to locate a new engine plant in Canada.

In light of the fact that the auto pact between Canada and the United States obligates the auto makers to allocate investment in our country in order to ensure that we get our fair share of growth in this industry, and considering that this obligation commits the auto makers in principle to invest several hundred million dollars a year in Canada for the foreseeable future, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House condemns the government's failure to force the auto makers to meet their investment obligations under the auto pact and that, moreover, it condemns the government's attempt to cover up this failure by offering taxpayers' money as subsidies to entice them to do what they ought to have done without subsidy.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ANNIVERSARIES

CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN'S DAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Saturday, June 24, marked the four hundred and eighty-first year since the discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot on June 24, 1497, and that the discovery is celebrated as St. John's Day and is marked by a public holiday in St. John's, Newfoundland, today, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House join all Newfoundlanders in celebrating St. John's Day and the anniversary of the discovery of their native isle 481 years ago, after the Vikings but before the Canadians, and looks forward to a happy and enduring union for at least another 481 years.