

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 29, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO RELATIONSHIP OF CERTAIN PERSONS WITH HYDROCULTURE LUWASA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of pressing necessity under the terms of Standing Order 43, concerning Hydroculture Luwasa Canada Limited, possible conflict of interest and illegalities existing on the part of certain persons and press comments today by the Prime Minister's principal secretary, James Coutts, admitting he was a director and shareholder in 1975 but does not know his present position with that company.

Some hon. Members: Oh!

Mr. Cossitt: I move, seconded by the hon. member for Colchester-Cumberland North (Mr. Coates):

That a public inquiry immediately examine the position and influence of the following persons with reference to receipt of government business by Hydroculture Luwasa Canada Limited, namely, directors of that company, Liberal Party pollster, Martin Goldfarb, his brother, Harvey Goldfarb, Liberal Campaign Chairman, Senator Keith Davey, and, finally, the investigation examine the position of James Coutts and another brother, Stanley Goldfarb, named in today's press by Mr. Coutts as being in charge of a "blind trust" for Mr. Coutts.

Mr. Speaker: Under Standing Order 43 the presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No!

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FISHERIES

SUGGESTED SUPPORT FOR TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM ON WHALING ACTIVITIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under the provisions of the same standing order I, too, rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the International Whaling Commission is now meeting in Canberra, Australia, and in view of the fact that the United States, Mexico, France and other countries have given unanimous support for a ten-year moratorium to be

placed on all international whaling activities and in view of Canada's consistent refusal to accept a ban on importing whale products to support conservation activities and its failure to support the ten-year whaling moratorium, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That this House instruct the Canadian delegation at this conference to support the position taken by the United States for a ten-year moratorium on whaling activities and a ban on the importation of whale products.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

SUGGESTED SPEED-UP OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT IN QUEBEC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

Bearing in mind the fact that the federal Minister of Regional Economic Expansion and his counterpart responsible for the Quebec Planning and Development Bureau reached an agreement on June 22 last, on behalf of the two levels of government, which will allow for upgrading many roads in Quebec in an amount of \$264,600,000, and that of Highway 117 leading to northwestern Quebec will benefit from that agreement in an amount of \$36 million; and the fact that this agreement proves that it is possible for ministers of the two levels of government to cooperate and agree in the best interest of the citizens; and the fact that those agreements are much more useful and profitable to the people than battles with figures and other negative confrontations waged by some other ministers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That this House encourage the ministers to avoid useless confrontations and sterile fights with figures and work instead on the agreement such as that which was negotiated by Messrs. Lessard and Léonard which agreement will help give Quebecers better roads in coming years.