

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 14, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

BULLET-PROOF VESTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity which I hope all members will support.

In view of the fact that the latest statistics indicate that the incidence of murder is on the increase, and that police officers across our country are being seriously wounded or killed in the performance of their duties, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Government of Canada take the necessary steps, through legislation or any other means, to make available to members of all police forces in the country the new, bullet-proof vests which are comfortable to wear and weigh only three pounds to five pounds, so that each and every one of them will have some measure of protection while protecting and defending the citizens of our country against all unlawful and criminal elements.

Madam Speaker: 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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PUBLIC SERVICE

POLITICAL FREEDOM OF EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on an issue of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the plans of the federal government to reintroduce legislation to end public servant exemption from wage garnishments, and whereas public servants do not have full political freedom in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House unanimously support and resolve to remove from all acts those sections that infringe on the full political freedom of public servants in Canada.

Madam Speaker: 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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ENERGY

DEVELOPMENT OF COAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, recognizing the importance of the \$5 billion coal and industrial package now pending between Japan, British Columbia and Ottawa and its potential for thousands of new jobs and investment in the Pacific region of Canada.

In view of the disastrous expedition to British Columbia of eastern cabinet ministers, during which the federal government offered to put up \$70 million in capital development out of \$675 million required, and that ministerial assistants were quoted regarding "Social Credit turkeys" and "Now we know what kind of dinks really run this place", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell):

That in order to assure that Canada begins to present a substantial and united front in negotiating with Japan, the government apologizes for the assistants' remarks, consults with elected members from the west before making any further expeditions, and increases the federal contribution toward capital development in proportion to the eastern Chrysler standard.

Madam Speaker: 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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PUBLIC WORKS

HARBOURFRONT PROJECT, TORONTO—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. David Crombie (Rosedale): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

● (1410)

In view of the fact that 3,800 person-years of employment and some \$220 million in financial investment for metropolitan Toronto is waiting for the federal government to proceed with the Harbourfront project, and in view of the fact that the