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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

FRASER RIVER FLOODING—NECESSITY FOR DYKING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, given that dike inspectors along the Fraser River watershed are now preparing for a major flood, possibly of disastrous proportions causing, millions of dollars of damage to important agricultural crops and private property from Prince George and Kamloops all the way downstream to Westham Island at the mouth of the Fraser River, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock-North Delta (Mr. Friesen):

That the Government of Canada move immediately to reallocate all federal funds available for diking and disaster relief during 1982 to prevent devastating damage to private property and to the most severely threatened farmlands such as the fertile food and seed producing acreage of Westham Island, B.C.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

AIR TRANSPORT

FUEL COMPENSATION RECOVERY CHARGE—POSITION OF CANADIAN AIRLINES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, a year ago the government introduced the transportation fuel compensation recovery charge, forcing air carriers to pay world prices for fuel used in international flights. When that charge ended on January 31 foreign carriers were allowed to apply for rebates amounting to \$47.5 million. However, Canadian carriers were denied the right to apply for rebates of the \$50 million paid or owed by them. It is seriously unfair that foreign carriers are given an advantage at a time when Canadian carriers face the terrible dilemma of going bankrupt or going heavily into debt. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That the government reconsider the position it has taken and, recognizing the grave situation of Canadian airlines, allow them to have equitable status with other airlines and grant them the right to apply for rebates.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

S.O. 43

THE LEADER OF THE NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, last week the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent) berated the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan) for not muzzling the U.S. ambassador to Canada for speaking in Canada on what the Leader of the New Democratic Party thought was an exclusively domestic Canadian matter. Last week Canada's Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) spoke in an American forum and included remarks regarding U.S. policy. Strangely enough, the Leader of the New Democratic Party has been silent about that. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock-North Delta (Mr. Friesen):

That the Leader of the NDP have his ideological eyes checked to see if he has equal vision in both of them.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon, Members: No.

AGRICULTURE

CALL FOR ASSISTANCE TO FOOD PRODUCERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, Quebec workers have received the welcome news of the award of an \$800 million contract to Bombardier, facilitated by 9 per cent seed money from the Export Development Corporation. At the same time Waterloo region farmers are being unceremoniously hauled off their fields and onto bank managers' carpets at the very time of the growing season when they are literally sowing for their livelihoods. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That this House urge the government to direct the Minister of Finance to make low-cost seed money like that used to assist the Bombardier tender available to Canada's food producers; and, furthermore, in view of the ongoing investigation into the profit situation of chartered banks, the Minister of Finance ask the banks to hold off on farm foreclosures until the tabling of those findings and so let our farmers get the country's food supply into the ground unharassed.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.