

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, July 11, 1980

The House met at 11 a.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FOREST FIRES

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CO-OPERATION IN UTILIZING
FIREFIGHTING FACILITIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the very serious loss of trees from forest fires, and the fact that reports yesterday and today indicate further outbreaks of forest fires, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hastings-Frontenac (Mr. Vankoughnet):

That this House requests the Minister of the Environment to initiate consultations with his appropriate provincial counterparts with a view to co-operating with them in fully utilizing Canadian firefighting facilities.

Madam Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CABINET COMMITTEES

MEETING OF WESTERN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Prime Minister has tabled a list of cabinet committees which reveals the existence of a committee on western affairs. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That, in light of the government's record on western issues thus far, this House directs the chairman of the western affairs cabinet committee to advise the House as to when the committee will have its first meeting, and whether:

(a) the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources will appear before the committee to explain his energy policy, and

(b) the committee will appear before the Minister of Transport to describe to him a grain elevator.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

INDUSTRY

ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR LAID-OFF AUTO WORKERS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given the fact that Rockwell International of Canada has announced a lay-off of 300 employees at its Chatham plant and 200 employees at its Milton plant, a further indicator of the serious problems facing the Canadian manufacturing sector, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom):

That the government immediately introduce a transitional assistance program to assist the more than 22,000 auto workers in Canada that are now on indefinite lay-off.

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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● (1110)

SPORTS

RECOGNITION OF CANADA'S OLYMPIC ATHLETES—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and I trust that the House will give this motion enthusiastic support.

In view of the fact that many of Canada's young athletes who have agreed to support the government's decision to boycott the Moscow Olympics over Russia's insatiable appetite for expansionism have trained for years in preparation for the event to represent their country, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley-Hants (Mr. Nowlan):

That the Government of Canada prepare appropriate recognition of all these athletes and their supporters, of whom we are so proud, to show that all Canadians recognize their dedication not only to their sport but their loyalty to their country and its principles of freedom.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?