

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 22, 1973

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

ANNUAL REPORTS OF AIR CANADA AND CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity relating to the manner in which the Minister of Transport has consistently refused to allow members of the House to investigate the affairs of the publicly-owned corporations, Air Canada and Canadian National Railways. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the unaudited annual reports of Air Canada and the Canadian National Railways for the financial year ended December 31, 1972, laid before this House on June 5, 1973, be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications with an instruction that the committee consider the necessity of recommending that all aspects of the government's relationship, financial and otherwise, with these two public utilities be the subject of a public inquiry.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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HOUSING

INTENTION OF NEW PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION TO CONSTRUCT HIGH-RISE CONDOMINIUM—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The matter of urgent and pressing necessity derives from the revelation that the new head of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation intends, in his capacity as the head of a development company, to proceed with the construction of a luxurious high-rise condominium in the Ottawa area in flat contradiction both of his own expressed planning philosophy and of a recommendation by CMHC itself. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert):

That this House instruct the Minister of State responsible for housing to contact Mr. William Teron immediately with a view to urging him to cancel the high-rise project and replace it with a low-rise development which is in accord both with CMHC policy and Mr. Teron's own philosophy.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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PENITENTIARIES

TABLING OF TASK FORCE REPORT ON RELEASE OF INMATES

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 41(2) to table the report of the task force on the release of inmates known as the Hugessen Report.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED NUCLEAR TESTS BY FRANCE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the impending nuclear tests by France in the South Pacific, in view of the recent decision brought down by the International Court of Justice at the Hague which calls on France to halt tests until a final decision can be made by the court at hearings in September and December of this year, and in view of the fact that the Canadian House of Commons has unanimously opposed further nuclear testing by France, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth):

That this House endorse the position of the International Court of Justice and urge the French government, as called for by the court, to delay the proposed tests.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion, proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43, requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?