National Rhetoric Day

[English]

PENITENTIARIES

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FARRIS REPORT ON HOSTAGE TAKING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, in view of today's hostage taking at the B.C. penitentiary, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen):

That the Farris inquiry report on the hostage taking at the B.C. penitentiary last year be tabled in this House immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion moved pursuant to Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED TABLING OF INFORMATION ON WHICH RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA BASED— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of this government's quick acceptance of the new Communist régime in Angola, and as this country needs necessary assurances and evidence that the MPLA are indeed in control of Angola, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence):

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs table documents, correspondence and other papers relating to the government's reasons for deciding to recognize the new Communist government of Angola.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

NATIONAL RHETORIC DAY

PROPOSAL TO NAME DAY IN VIEW OF CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP CONVENTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to propose a motion pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, requiring the prompt attention of the House. As the nation's capital obviously is in the process of being inundated by legions of well-scrubbed, blue-suited Tories—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Symes: —as the city is now experiencing a superheated atmosphere, and as it is urgently necessary to inform local inhabitants and the people of Canada as a whole of the true nature of this curious invasion, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That Sunday, February 22, the day on which thousands of Tories shall be reaching the ecstatic climax of their activities, be hereby immortalized and renamed as National Rhetoric Day.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF RAIL PASSENGER POLICY PENDING CONSULTATION WITH AFFECTED AREAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the concern expressed by the western region representatives of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities concerning the lack of consultation on the part of the government with regard to the recently announced rail passenger policy, and in view of the resolution passed by the council of the city of Saskatoon expressing apprehension over the effects of the new rail passenger service on some aspects of transcontinental service, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Cadieu):

That this House direct the Minister of Transport to delay implementation of the new rail passenger policy, pending full consultation with officials of cities, towns and municipalities affected, and that the minister make a statement on motions to the effect that the transcontinental service will be continued between Saskatoon and Biggar.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

TRIBUTES TO RETIRING LEADER OF OPPOSITION

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, with your indulgence, may I rise on a point of order or question of privilege? I ask to be permitted at this time to say a few words about our friend, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield).

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: This weekend, if everything goes according to plan, the Leader of the Opposition will hand over his job to some other member of his party. Already I feel a little lonely. We have been partners during these past seven years, and in this sense I do feel his departure, and the splitting up of what I suppose could be called "The Odd Couple."

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!