

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, July 13, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### POST OFFICE

POSTAL STRIKE—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON BACK TO WORK LEGISLATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Fred King (Okanagan-Similkameen):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of consuming concern to all Canadians. Inasmuch as the government appears intimidated by statements that postal workers will not be legislated back to work, and whereas the government should rather be motivated by the plea from groups such as the Chamber of Commerce of Oliver, British Columbia, who ask that government get the mails moving again before irreparable damage is done to the thousands of small businessmen already imperilled by the government's high interest rate policy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton North (Mr. Paproski):

That this House condemn the government for its irresponsibility in eliminating all consideration of back to work legislation, thus playing into the hands of the CUPW leadership.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### RAILWAYS

MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING PASSENGER SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West):** Madam Speaker, the government's plans to slash rail passenger service by simple order in council pose a serious threat to many western communities. Saskatoon is slated to lose two ways. Not only is the east-west service of the Super Continental to be abandoned and replaced by day trains, but the city will lose its complete north-south connections with the scrapping of the Regina-Prince Albert route. Instead of double track, Saskatoon is getting a double cross and a double whammy. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the government cease its practice of reorganizing Canadian rail passenger service by executive fiat and that existing passenger service be maintained until there has been an opportunity for full public debate of the abandonment question.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### POST OFFICE

POSTAL STRIKE—RECOMMENDATION GOVERNMENT ACT TO END DISPUTE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of obvious urgency. The strike affecting postal service in this country has swiftly become a cause of grave concern. In addition to creating a measure of varied inconvenience for almost all Canadians, the strike is forcing thousands of businesses to face the very real prospect of financial ruin. In light of the fact that the livelihood of many Canadians is in severe jeopardy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the government recognize the seriousness of the situation, accept its responsibility to the Canadian public, and take firm and immediate steps to end the postal strike.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

### BILINGUALISM

DEMAND THAT GOVERNMENT RESPECT ITS OWN LAWS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Madam Speaker, under Standing Order 43 I request the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on an important and urgent matter.

As the joint committee on official languages has admitted that practically no federal institution fully respects the Official