

WAYS AND MEANS

TABLING OF MOTION TO REMOVE CUSTOMS DUTIES ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND EXTEND TARIFF REDUCTIONS INTRODUCED IN BUDGET OF FEBRUARY 19, 1973

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, at the conclusion of the last session the House had not completed consideration of two sets of proposed tariff reductions. Pursuant to Standing Order 60(1), I wish to table a notice of a ways and means motion which combines a previous notice of October 23, 1973, removing duties on certain petroleum products and a notice of January 10, 1974, extending tariff reductions introduced in the budget of February 19, 1973. These proposals are reintroduced without change.

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GRAIN

PROVISION OF BOXCARS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, as a result of grain exports lagging by 34 per cent, terminal elevators half full, elevator space at country elevators either non-existent or at a minimum because annexes cannot be filled with tough grain, railway companies 130 million bushels behind in grain shipments, and the minister and the Wheat Board making an appeal for grain even though agents cannot accept it, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Hamilton), under the provisions of Standing Order 43:

That the whole question of grain movement be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications to make an emergency study with a view to recommending to the government and the Canadian Transport Commission that they order the railways to allocate sufficient cars to move grain in order that full advantage can be taken of the buoyant market.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

TELEVISION PROGRAM, "THE NATIONAL DREAM"—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, the urgency of my request for leave to propose a motion pursuant to the terms of Standing Order 43 arises from the fact that this is the last sitting day before March 3 when one of the proudest creations of this parliament, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, launches a new television series. Having been privileged to see a preview, I propose to move:

That this House offers its congratulations to the CBC on its production of the TV program series entitled "The National Dream", which amongst its other accomplishments so vividly portrays the arduous,

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and at times hilarious, activities of some of our most distinguished predecessors in the Place, as they laboured to make Canada truly a nation extending from sea to sea.

Perhaps one of the spiritual descendants of Macdonald or Mackenzie—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member has indicated what his motion is. I am willing at this point to inquire whether there is unanimous consent under the terms of Standing Order 43.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

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[Translation]

ENERGY

PROVISION OF INFORMATION BY OIL COMPANIES ON RESERVES AND PRICES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the terms of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a very urgent matter.

In view of the serious doubts regarding energy shortages, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House take this opportunity to study without delay the necessity of special legislation to order oil companies to divulge their exact surface and underground oil reserves as well as the selling prices to gas stations.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the terms of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent; the motion, therefore, cannot be put.

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[English]

VETERANS LAND ACT

PHASING OUT ON MARCH 31, 1974—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I also wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43. The government's intention to phase out the Veterans Land Act on 31 March, 1974, denies to the veterans of Canada their rights under the veterans charter and breaks faith on a commitment made by government in the name of the people of Canada.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Madill):