

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 5, 1979

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS—PROPOSED CONGRATULATIONS TO ELECTED OFFICERS IN QUEBEC—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Cousineau (Gatineau): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

Considering that some municipalities in western Quebec held elections on November 4, 1979; considering that those municipalities are situated within the national capital area, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hull (Mr. Isabelle):

That the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the leaders of other parties send their congratulations to those who were elected and in addition encourage all those municipal councils to continue to co-operate closely with the federal government and its organizations in the best interests of the people.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

REQUEST HOUSE BE INFORMED OF NEW CONSERVATIVE POLICY ON TERRITORIAL CLAIMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Charles Lapointe (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and ask for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a motion relating to a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Given the unduly long time the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Epp) is taking to give a favourable answer to the request for technical and financial help made by the Attikamek Montagnais council to have successful territorial negotiations with Quebec, and given the fact that the Government of Canada is traditionally the protector of the rights and interests of the native people of Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hull (Mr. Isabelle):

That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development immediately inform the House about the new Tory policy on territorial claims.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, the presentation of 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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[*English*]

STATUS OF WOMEN

CALL FOR EQUALITY FOR WOMEN IN ALL PHASES OF ECONOMY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett), I move:

That this House, noting that already in this session fine speeches have been made about the rights of women, but that these speeches have not been followed by the taking of positive steps to establish and protect those rights, calls on the government to take affirmative action to establish equality for women in all phases of our economy, particularly in employment opportunities, access to adequate training and upgrading, equal pay for work of equal value, and equality between men and women in all pension plans.

Mr. Speaker: The introduction of such a motion for debate at this time can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[*Translation*]

SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST FOR VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON FAMILY ALLOWANCE POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Monique Bégin (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Following the irresponsible statements made by the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Stevens), who is absent from the House today, and by the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Clark) whose priorities are completely mistaken, since we are heading towards the end of the International Year of the Child and since our seven million children who benefit from univer-