

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, July 16, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

ENERGY

ALASKA GAS PIPELINE—CRITICISM OF VOLUME OF EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

As the Canadian government is about to export huge quantities of natural gas to the United States, and as this will create the threat of a shortage as well as an increase in the price of natural gas, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin):

That the House reprove the government for that decision which will force Canadians to pay more in the near future for the natural gas produced in their own country.

Madam Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, the 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]

INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

REPRESENTATIONS OPPOSING KILLING OF BOWHEAD WHALES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to put a motion of urgent and pressing importance.

Given that Canada will be sending a delegation to the International Whaling Commission meetings next week, and in view of the fact that the bowhead whale, with a worldwide population of only 1,200, is on the verge of extinction, as verified by the overwhelming weight of international scientific

opinion, and whereas the Canadian government recently published an endangered species list which includes the bowhead whale, upon the recommendation of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. McMillan):

That the Canadian delegation to the International Whaling Commission be instructed by this House to oppose absolutely the killing of bowhead whales, and to resist with determination any proposals to allocate quotas for the killing of bowhead whales by the commercial whaling fleets of foreign nations.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FLYING TRAINING

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF TAX IN CONNECTION WITH FLIGHT TRAINING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Whereas the federal government recently imposed a 9 per cent sales tax on all new small aircraft and related spare parts purchased by flight training schools which, compounded with a 15 per cent increase in landing fees at most airports as well as landing fee increases at Vancouver, Toronto, Dorval and Mirabel—up from \$1.65 to \$5—has forced these schools to increase their rental rates and lesson charges, and considering how these increases deter the expansion of energy efficient light aircraft travel which is so vital to this country, particularly in remote areas, and that many students take up flying to expand their educational horizons, further facilitating the use of light aircraft travel in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bruce-Grey (Mr. Gurbin):

That this government recognize the importance of these flying schools as educational rather than recreational institutions, and remove this tax and roll back increased landing fees which amount to taxation on classrooms in the air which we would not tolerate on conventional classroom facilities.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.