

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, February 21, 1975

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIRPORTS

SUGGESTED DISCONTINUANCE OF PLANS FOR PICKERING AIRPORT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to introduce a motion under Standing Order 43 concerning a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The government has announced its plans for the completion in stages of the Pickering Airport. At no time has there been shown to be any need for this airport. The City of Toronto, through its Council, has clearly indicated its view that there is no need for the new airport. The Pickering impact study shows that the project would raise grave problems of traffic within the whole metropolitan area and that the estimates of cost given so far do not take into account some of the major ancillary aspects—

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Brewin: I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House instruct the Minister of Transport to discontinue forthwith any plans to complete the airport or, in the alternative, resign from the ministry.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the proposed motion. Since it is put forward under the terms of Standing Order 43 it cannot be debated in the absence of unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE

SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO PROVISION CONCERNING IMPAIRED DRIVERS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 to request unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on an extremely urgent matter which needs immediate consideration from this House.

Considering that most highway accidents are due to drivers under the influence of alcohol, that present legislation is not hard enough to dissuade people from driving in a state of inebriety, and that it is urgent to do something in order that drunk people be scared enough by legal reprisals not to take the wheel, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs be instructed to study the possibility of amending the Criminal Code to incorporate severe measures likely to dissuade people under the influence of alcohol from driving a car.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is no unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

HEALTH

PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO HEALTH HAZARD OF ASBESTOS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask unanimous consent to put a motion of urgent and pressing necessity dealing with the extreme health hazard related to the asbestos mining industry. While the provincial government of Ontario has taken steps to alleviate the problem, the industry in Quebec still exposes miners to extremely unsafe working conditions. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan):

That the minister of health—

—whom I am glad to see back in the House after a long absence—

—initiate an immediate inquiry into this matter and report the findings, along with recommendations for solutions to this House upon completion of the inquiry.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the terms of the motion now being proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43. It cannot be debated without unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?