

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 16, 1974

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED ISSUANCE OF WARNING TO STUDENTS CONCERNING DRUG OFFENCES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Duncan M. Beattie (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely, the incarceration for the past month of four Canadian students in an Iranian jail, as well as the large numbers of requests received by Canadian Embassies around the world for help on drug charges. I, therefore, move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. O'Sullivan):

That this House instruct the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp) to issue a directive to all high schools, colleges and universities in Canada outlining the dangers and possible penalties that tourists face when arrested on drug charges in a foreign country.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: No!

Some hon. Members: Agreed!

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

POSSIBLE INVESTIGATION OF LAY-OFFS AT GENERAL INSTRUMENTS PLANT, SYDNEY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I rise at this time under the terms of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely the drastic lay-off of employees at the General Instruments Corporation plant at Sydney, wherein the work force has been reduced from approximately 1,000 employees to the vicinity of 400 employees in the past few weeks.

In view of the fact that it appears close to impossible to secure from the corporation their intentions as far as their future operations at Sydney are concerned, the fact that certain pieces of equipment have been removed from the plant and the hardship that is being caused as a result of

this mass lay-off, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis):

That the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gillespie) and the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Andras) immediately cause an investigation to be carried out to lend whatever assistance is possible to assist those employees affected by the lay-offs, ascertain as a result of the investigation what the future holds for this plant and also if those who have been laid off will be rehired. And, the minister's report back to the House.

Mr. Speaker: This motion is also proposed to the House under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and requires unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: No!

Some hon. Members: Agreed!

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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INCOME TAX

SUGGESTED DEBATE ON DISCONTINUANCE OF TAX CONCESSIONS TO CORPORATIONS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43. The words of the motion speak for themselves so I shall not indulge in any preamble. I move:

That this House deems, since spokesmen for the official opposition have questioned the continuing of the government's tax concessions to corporations, that the requirements of subsection (3) of section 125.1 of the Income Tax Act regarding a motion supported by 60 members have been met, and that it is therefore in order for the House, within 15 days, to debate a motion calling for the discontinuance of the corporate tax deductions granted by last session's Bill C-192.

The motion is seconded by the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens).

Mr. Speaker: I am not sure about the hon. member's seconder. In any event, I will inquire if there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: No!

Some hon. Members: Agreed!

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.