

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PLIGHT OF CUBANS FLEEING TO UNITED STATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

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

Given the increasing number of Cuban citizens fleeing their country to the United States, and the inability of the international community to take action because these people cannot be classed as refugees under the United Nations' definition, and the deteriorating relationship that has come about between the United State and Cuba, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Willowdale (Mr. Peterson):

That this House urge the Government of Canada to consult with the United States government, the Cuban government and other governments in the western hemisphere with a view to forming a consensus that would lead to the resolution of this tragic situation.

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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THE WORLD COMMUNITY

RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTION OF ISLAM AND CANADIANS OF ISLAMIC FAITH—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton-Lawrence): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Whereas Islam has recently entered the fifteenth century since its founding, an event which is universally celebrated, and whereas Islam is one of the world's great religions, encompassing peoples of all cultures, and whereas Islam strives for a brotherly community transcending the superficial differences of race, history or nationality and is thus being implementary of the spirit of multiculturalism, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Kent (Mr. Bossy):

That this House take note of the contribution of Islam and Canadians of Islamic faith and wish them success in their continuing pursuits to give reality to a truly multicultural society that is Canada today.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion would require the unanimous consent of the House before it could be put. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Oral Questions

SPORTS

DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT ON SITE OF 1985 SUMMER GAMES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of increasing costs, and the anxiety of the citizens of New Brunswick to have a decision made as soon as possible as to the site of the 1985 Summer Games, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte (Mr. McCain):

That the house instruct the minister responsible for amateur sports and fitness to make up his mind and make the announcement before the Lakehead Games in 1981, so that the host community can commence planning.

Madam Speaker: Under the terms of Standing Order 43, unanimous consent is required before this motion can be put. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ENERGY

NATURAL GAS—EXTENSION OF PIPELINE TO ATLANTIC CANADA

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley-Hants): Madam Speaker, my question is addressed to the Prime Minister. In view of the announcement by the Minister of Energy yesterday that the Q and M pipeline would go only as far as Quebec, can the right hon. gentleman please tell the House, and especially the people of Atlantic Canada, what factors have changed since his speech on energy before the Board of Trade in Halifax on January 25, 1980, when he promised, among other things, to "take immediate action for the construction of a natural gas pipeline to Quebec City and the maritimes", without making any mention of delay because of environmental studies, proven reserves off Atlantic Canada or federal assistance?

Since, in the Prime Minister's own immortal words, "like the railways of the 1880s, energy pipelines in the 1980s have the potential to be a steel link uniting the nation", my question to the right hon. gentleman is this: how can you link a nation when you stop at Quebec?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): I would suggest that the hon. member go back to the drawing board and check what the Prime Minister said in Halifax. I suggest, also, that it is quite inappropriate to try to put on the record a quotation which is not correct. If the hon. gentleman wants to get the right quote, we will answer his question.