

*Lake Ontario Water Level*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for St. John's East is quite right that no member has a right either to impute motives or to reflect on a vote. I certainly find fault with the hon. member's statement to the extent that he reflects on a vote of the House. That is entirely out of order. But whether an hon. member should be required to withdraw a statement which is out of order is another thing. I think that the hon. member for St. John's East is quite in order when he protests against what was said, and it is the duty of the Chair to bring to the attention of the hon. member for Vaudreuil that he has no right to reflect on a vote of the House.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Let there be no mistake, Mr. Speaker. There is no complaint whatever on my part about the remarks read by the hon. gentleman, which were apparently prepared extramurally.

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Howard:** Mr. Speaker, in recent times not enough attention has been paid to the need for airport development in rural areas. The purpose of this bill is to attempt to overcome that by establishing rural airport development advisory committees, the members of which would be selected by the municipalities and regions within the area for which they are appointed. These committees would advise the Minister of Transport on airport development in those areas.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. member shall have leave to introduce the said bill?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

## FLOODS

## HIGH WATER LEVEL IN LAKE ONTARIO—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the dangerously high level of Lake Ontario and the present and potential damage to property arising from this situation, and in view of the request made yesterday by the city of Toronto to the federal government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Harney):

That this House directs the federal government to make immediate representation to the International Joint Commission to the effect that steps be taken without delay to reduce the water level of Lake Ontario.

[Translation]

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member proposes for the consideration of the House a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. This motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is no unanimity, therefore the hon. member cannot put his motion.

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[English]

## RURAL AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE BILL

## PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-145, to provide for the establishment of rural airport development advisory committees.

[Mr. McGrath.]

## MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

## ENERGY

## UNITED STATES PREFERENCE FOR ALASKA RATHER THAN MACKENZIE VALLEY OIL PIPELINE ROUTE

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to put again the motion that was put yesterday under Standing Order 26. I move a motion for the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the statement made by the President of the United States yesterday that he prefers the Alaska route to the Canadian route for an oil pipeline from Prudhoe Bay, and because of the statement made two days ago by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources that the Canadian government does not plan any further representations to the American government on this matter.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member gave notice of this motion yesterday under the terms of Standing Order 26. Because of the developments in the afternoon it was felt, after consultation with the hon. member for Vancouver South, that he might be given an opportunity to propose the motion for the adjournment of the House this morning.

Hon. members know that the Chair is required by the Standing Order to consider whether there are other opportunities for debate. I would think that such an opportunity exists this very day since the House has before it, in Committee of the Whole, Vote 20a relating to the Department of the Environment. The next vote, 5a, Department of External Affairs, also seems to provide an opportunity for discussion of the matter raised by the hon. member. I would doubt very much that in the circumstances much would be gained by setting aside the consideration of these items in Committee of the Whole for the purpose of an emergency debate. I would hope that in the circumstances the hon. member for Vancouver