

port energy to the great industrial centres of the mid-west.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Woolliams: Our Canadian oil industry needs the same things. If this House is concerned, I would move—

Some hon. Members: Order, order!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I apologize to the hon. member, but I am sure he realizes the limitations imposed on us all under Standing Order 43. The hon. member must limit his statement to the matter of urgency and not argue his case. I appreciate that this is a very important matter of concern to all members of the House. Perhaps the hon. member might soon indicate what his motion is.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I had already started to propose the motion. The reason I laid down the terms of reference is that I wanted to win the unanimous consent of the House. I move:

That this House urge the government forthwith to institute an interdepartmental study of the ecological and economic effects of the TAPS project and of alternatives to the TAPS project, and to immediately insist on joint governmental consultation with the United States on these issues before a U.S.A. decision is made.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Calgary North. As he has indicated, under the terms of Standing Order 43 this motion can be put only if there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and I regret that the hon. member's motion cannot be put at this time.

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POLLUTION

THREAT TO BRITISH COLUMBIA FROM PROPOSED OIL TRANSPORT AND NUCLEAR TEST—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Barry Mather (Surrey): Mr. Speaker, I seek leave under Standing Order 43 to move a motion. May I say I am encouraged to do so and to hope for a warm and favourable response because of the fact the Prime Minister has wed a young woman from British Columbia. Mr. Speaker, this is my motion:

That this House, being aware of the urgent and pressing necessity for action to protect the residents of British Columbia and the waters and shores of that province from the twin threats of massive pollution and ecological destruction involved in (a) the proposed transport along our shores by tankers of Alaskan oil to a refinery in Washington State and (b) the scheduled underground U.S. nuclear explosion test on Amchitka Island in the north Pacific, an earthquake prone zone, urges the government of Canada to act immediately to protect the citizens of British Columbia.

Inquiries of the Ministry

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Surrey. The motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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AGRICULTURE

TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF GRAIN COMMISSIONER—REASONS THEREFOR

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Agriculture who is in charge of the Canada Grains Commission, the former Board of Grain Commissioners. Previously I sent notice of my intention to ask the question to the Acting Prime Minister because, according to the roster system, the Minister of Agriculture was not supposed to be in the House today. I see he has received the message. My question must be of importance to the government as it is to the rest of Canada. Did the minister, who is in charge of the Canada Grains Commission, have the services of Mr. F. F. Hamilton, the Chief Grain Commissioner, terminated at the pleasure of the government and, if so, why?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, technically Mr. Hamilton is still with the Board of Grain Commissioners because the effective date of the proclamation of the new Act is April 1. I have had some discussions with Mr. Hamilton and during the course of those discussions I advised him I am not prepared to recommend his reappointment.

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, the minister did not answer the second half of my question concerning why his services were terminated. My supplementary question to the minister is: Is the replacement for Mr. Hamilton to be a former Manitoba Liberal minister and former Liberal organizer on the prairies?

Mr. Olson: No, Mr. Speaker. For the third member of the Canada Grains Commission when it becomes effective on April 1 I will recommend Mr. Forest Hetland, a master farmer from Saskatchewan.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I think we ought to have a further explanation of what appears to be political partisanship on the lowest level. Mr. Hamilton, a war hero with a D.F.C. and a D.S.M., is just being dumped out. Is it a fact that the first notice the minister gave of his disagreement with what the Chief Commissioner had been doing was on February 22?