

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, January 11, 1973

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

ENERGY

SECURITY OF CANADIAN OIL AND GAS SUPPLIES— REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, in view of the mounting energy crisis in the United States, with its wide-ranging implications for Canadians in terms of fuel prices and fuel supplies, and having in mind the negotiations being conducted at present regarding commitments of Canadian oil to the United States market, it is imperative to assure the people of Canada of the security of Canadian supplies of oil and natural gas. I therefore ask for unanimous consent under Standing Order 43 to move the following motion:

That the matter of the security of Canadian oil and gas supplies be referred to a special committee of this House for investigation and report, and that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Chairman of the National Energy Board be required to appear and provide the committee with all relevant information.

Mr. Speaker: This motion is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43. It requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The hon. member's motion cannot be put.

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CRIMINAL CODE

REINSTATEMENT OF LAW RELATING TO CAPITAL PUNISHMENT THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 1972

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-2, to amend the Criminal Code.

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

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FOOD PRICES

MOTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF SENATE AND HOUSE

On the order: Government Notices of Motions:

January 9, 1973—the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs:

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to inquire into and make recommendations upon the trends in food prices in Canada and factors domestic and foreign which account for these trends;

That 20 members of the House of Commons to be designated by the House at a later date be the members of the Special Joint Committee and that Standing Order 65(5) of the House of Commons be suspended in relation thereto;

That the said committee have power to send for persons, papers and records and examine witnesses; to sit during periods when the House stands adjourned; to report from time to time and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be deemed advisable; to delegate to subcommittees all or any of their powers except the power to report direct to the House; to engage the services of counsel, accountants and such other clerical and technical personnel as may be deemed necessary; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it advisable, some of its members to act on the proposed Special Joint Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21 this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

ENERGY

OIL AND GAS—POSITION OF GOVERNMENT ON INTEGRATED CONTINENTAL POLICY SUGGESTED BY U.S. OFFICIAL

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources what response the government plans to make to the suggestion by Mr. Rogers Morton that an integrated continental policy for North America is essential if fuel shortages are to be avoided in certain regions of the United States?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, it has been the custom of successive governments of Canada to follow a policy of reserving supplies against the present and future needs of Canada and then selling any surplus of either of the two commodities into the American or any other markets that