

House Business

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

AGREEMENT BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND
JAMES BAY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—REQUEST
FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise again under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. Inasmuch as the agreement between the government of Canada and the James Bay Development Corporation of November 24, 1972, constitutes a declaration that the government sides with the James Bay Development Corporation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters):

That this House disapproves of the government action in making an agreement with the James Bay Development Corporation that has effectively prevented it from publicly taking a stand on behalf of the Indian people in their struggle with that corporation.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the hon. member appreciates that a motion put in those terms, with that kind of preamble, is hardly in order. I have indicated to hon. members on numerous occasions that, in view of the fact there is no debate on these motions under Standing Order 43, members should try not to introduce argument in the preamble to motions. However, I will ask whether there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

TIME OF MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON ENERGY

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources proposes to make a statement in the House on Monday. I have had some consultations and I understand it might be possible to agree to a House order that we revert to motions at five o'clock on Monday for the purpose of hearing the statement and the replies, and that, if it is regarded as desirable, we could split the question period as we did on the last occasion. I will urge the minister, and I am sure he will agree, that copies of the statement be placed in the hands of opposition spokesmen at a reasonable period before five o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Mr. Bell: We agree.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): We agree, Mr. Speaker, and we hope the minister will have something to say.

Mr. Speaker: It is my understanding, therefore, there is agreement that there will be an order that on Monday next the House will revert to motions at five o'clock in the afternoon, and that there be a 20-minute question period earlier in the day and a 20-minute supplementary question period after the minister's statement under the terms of Standing Order 43.

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[Translation]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

CHANGE OF NAME OF CONSTITUENCY FROM OTTAWA EAST
TO OTTAWA-VANIER

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa East) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-00, respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Gauthier (Ottawa East): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to change the name of my constituency to Ottawa-Vanier. As you know, the whole city of Vanier lies within my constituency. Vanier has been named after a great Canadian, a former governor general and I am pleased, Mr. Speaker, to introduce this bill.

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

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ENERGY

ALLOCATION OF OIL AT WHOLESALE LEVEL THIS
WINTER—EXTENT OF APPLICATION—REPRESENTATIONS
TO SAUDI ARABIA AND ABU DHABI

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister arising out of his statement last evening that unless the supply picture improves very considerably there will be allocation of oil at the wholesale level in the country this winter. I rise not to raise the question of whether this constituted a policy statement that should have been made in the House but simply to ask the Prime Minister whether it is envisaged that this allocation at the wholesale level will apply to the whole of Canada or simply to certain regions of the country?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I made the statement in fairly general terms for two reasons. The first is that I did