

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, December 2, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

DISASTERS

MOOSE JAW, SASK.—ASSISTANCE TO BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY FIRE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of yesterday's disastrous fire in the city of Moose Jaw which caused millions of dollars of property damage and resulted in the loss of the jobs of several hundred persons, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That the minister in charge of manpower and the minister in charge of DREE take immediate steps to have representatives of their departments meet with officials of the city and of the province to consider what steps may be taken to assist the city and the businesses affected by the fire.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

CHEMICAL POLLUTION OF ONTARIO LAKES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Canadian scientists have revealed today that dioxin TCDD, one of the deadliest man-made chemicals in the world, has been found throughout Lake Ontario and in other lakes in Ontario from which millions of Canadians derive their drinking water and obtain fish. Dioxin is known to promote cancer and cause severe birth defects among humans. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bruce-Grey (Mr. Gurbin):

That this House call upon the Minister of the Environment to make without delay a statement on motions in the House of Commons detailing what the government intends to do to deal with the crisis, since the minister's statement to the media today said little more than that he is having the matter investigated.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POLAND—ABSTENTION BY NEIGHBOURING STATES FROM MILITARY OR PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, considering that Poland is an autonomous state which is currently undergoing severe internal tension, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That this House strongly urges all other states in the region to refrain completely from military or other provocative actions which could be seen as intimidation by the people of Poland and which could break peaceful relations beyond the borders of Poland itself.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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HEALTH CARE

TREATMENT OF DIABETES—CONTRIBUTIONS OF WORLDWIDE DIABETIC INFORMATION SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Peterson (Willowdale): Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion which I hope will receive the unanimous consent of the House. Whereas insulin was discovered by two distinguished and dedicated Canadians, Sir Frederick Banting and Dr. Charles Best, whereas this discovery and ongoing research into the treatment of diabetes have relieved suffering and saved the lives of millions of people around the world, and whereas the Worldwide Diabetic Information Service, which has its head-