

External Affairs

Mr. Diefenbaker: I rise on a question of privilege. As to any suggestion that there is a political connotation in connection with this motion, all I have to say is that the Prime Minister is trying to raise an alibi because he is treating Canadians from the Ukraine and the Baltic nations with entire disrespect.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, on the same type of question of privilege I would say to the right hon. member that this government, through its communications with the Soviet government, has done more for the unification of families and for justice to the people of the Soviet Union than his government did with this type of bland statement.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This debate may be very interesting but I am afraid it will solve nothing. The Chair has had an opportunity in the past to express its views regarding Standing Order 43, and these views have not changed.

DEATH OF PRESIDENT OF CHILE—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, despite the exchange that has taken place I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43.

Some hon. Members: This will go!

Mr. Lewis: It arises out of the tragic events which occurred yesterday in Santiago, Chile.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: Has there been consultation?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. May we have order. The hon. member is presenting what appears to the Chair to be a serious motion. Perhaps hon. members would like to treat it that way.

Mr. Lewis: If I could obtain unanimous consent for this motion I am sure it could be put without debate. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House extend its sympathy to the people of Chile in the tragic death of their President and express the hope that democratic institutions will be restored without delay.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings seems to question the decision of the Chair. I will inquire again. Is there unanimous consent?

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): No.

An hon. Member: Who said no that time?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I did.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, in light of the very serious developments involving the death of the President of Chile, I wonder whether the Secretary of State for External Affairs is prepared on motions, as I think would be appropriate, to indicate the situation with respect to the relationship between our two countries.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is hardly a point of order. I suggest to hon. members that if on motions we get into the practice of asking questions that should be asked during the question period we will be out of order. I appreciate the procedural difficulty hon. members have during the question period in asking whether a minister wishes to return to motions for the purpose of making a statement. Perhaps the minister could reply briefly, but I hope we will not set a precedent in the procedure now being followed by the hon. member for Egmont. Is the hon. member for Rocky Mountain rising on a point of order?

Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain): Yes, Mr. Speaker. In his statement the Prime Minister gave a clear indication that the negative voices which have from time to time come from the Liberal benches were in fact an expression of the opinion of the government, and I am not sure whether that was the right hon. gentleman's intention. I simply rise on a point of order to allow him, through whatever procedure is correct, to withdraw that statement if in fact he wants to withdraw it.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Egmont.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I think it might be useful for the House to avoid the situation that we get into during the question period and have the Secretary of State for External Affairs make a brief statement in order to clarify this very difficult and tragic situation.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is up to the minister to decide whether he wishes to make a statement on motions.

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WILDLIFE

METHODS OF TRAPPING WILD ANIMALS—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Peel South): Mr. Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with what I feel is a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, especially in view of the fact that the season for trapping wild animals is again commencing, and in par-