

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 7, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRANSPORT

PROPOSED REFERENCE OF TASK FORCE REPORT ON MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE TO COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 which I am sure will commend itself to the government House leader. The statement today by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang) on marine search and rescue activity admits that the organization is no longer entirely adequate, and this is emphasized by the increasing number of marine accidents in Canadian waters. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the Canadian coast guard task force review be referred to a joint committee including National Defence, Transport and Fisheries representatives to make recommendations to the government of Canada on search and rescue policy.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIR CANADA

MEASURES TO PREVENT LOCK-OUT AND PROTECT RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES OF FINANCE BRANCH AT WINNIPEG—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to present a motion under Standing Order 43 having to do with a matter that is urgent and pressing. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House urges the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Labour to take all possible steps to prevent a lock-out of Air Canada's finance branch employees at Winnipeg, and this House urges that the right of these employees to job security be recognized by Air Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can only be presented with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

PROPOSED STUDY OF FUTURE DEFENCE PROGRAMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

As Canadian banks could easily become new creditors of the Lockheed Corporation should this firm have more financial setbacks, since it already owes \$700 million to 28 other banks, and as the Department of National Defence of Canada intends to invest several billion dollars in military equipment during the next ten years and we should at all costs avoid creating more misunderstandings and problems such as those we are facing because of the Lockheed Corporation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That this House discuss now the policy of the Department of National Defence and particularly the specific and serious methods which should be used to establish the future defence programs of this department.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

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[English]

PENITENTIARIES

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON METHOD OF SELECTING ESCORTS FOR WOMEN PRISONERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Seymour): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

In light of the fact that the wives of the directors and assistant directors of British Columbia Penitentiary and Drumheller Institution have been sworn in as peace officers to escort female prisoners to the federal women's prison in Kingston, Ontario, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Brisco):

That this House instruct the Solicitor General to make a statement on motions as soon as possible regarding the unusual procedure used in selecting escorts for women prisoners and furthermore that the Solicitor General assure us that if these women are being used because of the