

S.O. 43

[Translation]

INDUSTRY

REQUEST FOR TAX CONCESSIONS FOR MINING INDUSTRY—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an urgent and important matter.

Since the Canadian mining industry, more particularly asbestos and copper, which represent an investment of \$18.1 billion a year, is faced with a lack of export orders on world markets and is strangled by taxes, with a view to making it more competitive on the external market, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House urge the government to grant immediate tax concessions for the Canadian mining industry and to undertake discussions with other countries to promote our mineral exports.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

NORTHERN AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED SEPARATION OF NCPC OPERATIONS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Wally Firth (Northwest Territories): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that people living in the Northwest Territories, particularly those in isolated communities, experience the highest cost of living in the country, given the very high cost of housing for northern residents, and in view of the fact that all government consumers and domestic consumers in the communities of Yellowknife, Fort Smith, Pine Point and Fort Resolution have been subjected to yet another rate increase by the Northern Canada Power Commission of the order of 10.5 per cent, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt):

That the Northern Canada Power Commission be divided into two separate operations and that the responsibility for each be given to the territorial councils of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PROTESTED REMOVAL OF SERVICE FROM KAMSACK, SASK.—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): I rise under the same Standing Order, Mr. Speaker. The CNR has proposed to remove its agent and station from the town of Kamsack. Since the CNR has benefited tremendously by the long service provided by the town and residents of Kamsack, and since the CNR is now attempting to escape its historic and statutory obligations rather than providing better service, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House condemns the CNR's proposal to remove its agent and station from the town of Kamsack, and that this House calls upon the Minister of Transport to instruct the CNR to honour its historic obligations by retaining and improving the service provided by both agent and station to the town of Kamsack.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion at this time requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL SECURITY

SURVEILLANCE REPORTS OF RCMP

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Solicitor General. The McDonald commission has been informed that there are missing, or have been destroyed, 24 monthly surveillance reports prepared for the Solicitor General covering the period of time during which the present Minister of Supply and Services was solicitor general, and also covering a period of time that is very crucial in terms of the McDonald commission's investigation.

Is it a fact that these 24 reports, covering two years, are missing? Were they destroyed? If so, under whose authority did the destruction take place?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to indicate to the hon. gentleman that we are dealing with files relating to the criminal investigation branch and not the security service. Evidence was indeed adduced before the McDonald inquiry to the effect that certain files which contained reports on surveillance installations were destroyed. Those were destroyed with reference to the principles on records, administration and maintenance within the RCMP which provide that certain files and reports can be destroyed three years next after their date of operation. However, all the installations and files relating to the specific installations which are referred to in those reports are still in