

Drilling Regulations

[English]

URBAN AFFAIRS

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT FULFIL PROMISE TO SUPPLY FUNDS FOR URBAN TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Mr. Bill Kempling (Halton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. In light of the withdrawal of federal funds for Go-service to Milton, Oakville and Burlington, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

● (1410)

That this House instruct the government to fulfil its 1974 election promise and supply \$290 million in federal funds to assist urban transit as promised.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion pursuant to the Standing Order can only be made with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE STUDY OF ADEQUACY OF REGULATIONS FOR OIL AND GAS DRILLING IN THE NORTH—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the provisions of the same Standing Order. Given that the Department of the Environment has gone on the record as having grave doubts about the adequacy of Dome Petroleum oil spill clean-up plans, and that the well blow-out at K-91 in the Beaufort Sea may be still blowing out and that if oil had been involved we would have a major ecological disaster in the area, and that the blow-out and the failure to contain it could have been avoided through stricter control on the drilling, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That this House refer the question of the adequacy of the drilling provisions and their enforcement, and the risks to the environment in light of an inadequate oil clean-up technology, to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development before any decision is made on the renewal of any drilling authority in the Beaufort Sea.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

[Translation]

FISHERIES

SUGGESTED ACTION AGAINST VESSELS VIOLATING 200-MILE LIMIT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

It would seem that 55 foreign fishing vessels recently violated the 200-mile fishing limit and thus did not respect the agreement which has just been concluded on January 1, 1977. Therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard), I move:

That a House committee be called at once to consider action to be taken against the owners of fishing vessels who are alleged to have contravened this agreement.

Mr. Speaker: The provisions of Standing Order 43 require the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion. 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.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

TRANSPORT

PROPOSED COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN MIRABEL AND MONTREAL—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In light of the government's announced intention to discontinue its assistance for commuter services, does the minister still intend to go ahead with his commuter rail service between Mirabel airport and the city of Montreal?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am certainly glad to see the hon. member for Crowfoot back in the House. I want him to know that I have missed him, even though I will have to say that the two parts of his question present some difficulty for me in view of the fact that one part is, so far as I know, wrong and the other is somewhat speculative. The fact of the matter is that as far as commuter services are concerned we do have a standing program, which was announced a year ago, for assistance in connection with commuter operations.

Mr. Horner: In 1974.

Mr. Lang: No, the actual commitment of \$100 million over a period of four or five years was announced a year ago. We