

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 27, 1980

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL UNITY

APPRECIATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF FATHERS OF
CONFEDERATION—FAITH IN CANADA'S FUTURE—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings-Frontenac): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing importance under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Whereas Canada and Canadians in the course of the next year will focus their attention on a renewed constitution, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Weatherhead):

That the House of Commons of Canada, approaching its 113th year, place on record its deep appreciation of the achievements of the Fathers of Confederation, and with a united voice express its faith and confidence in the future of this great country, and that this act of faith in our future will lead to a renewed inspiration of the patriotic fervour of Canadians and afford a clear vision of our aspirations and ideals so that in this coming year from sea to sea, we may develop a robust Canadian spirit of renewed national unity.

Madam Speaker: Such a 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 said motion?

Motion agreed to.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

CALL FOR INFORMATION ON SALARIES OF ORDER IN COUNCIL
APPOINTEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgency stemming from the arrogant refusal of the government—

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Cossitt: Perhaps you could wait until you hear it.

Madam Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Cossitt:—to reveal the salaries of over 2,000 order in council appointments, such refusal providing sharp contrast to the open disclosure policy of the previous Progressive Conservative government, and positions consisting mostly of awards to Liberal party sacred cows. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That this House expresses extreme condemnation of government action in hiding from the Canadian people what they are paying through their taxes in salaries for over 2,000 high-ranking public servants, which provides a complete mockery of the government's declaration of support for more freedom of information to the public; and, finally, this House requests the Prime Minister to reveal complete details immediately of all such salaries, and that the blocking of such information be no longer permitted by the undue influence and advice of such persons as Michael Pitfield, a servant and not the master of the Canadian people.

Madam Speaker: 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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● (1110)

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POSSIBLE DANGER OF RADIATION FROM U.S. EMISSIONS—
GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of reports from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to the effect that the accident prone Three Mile Island nuclear power installation is to be vented of its contaminants into the atmosphere, perhaps as early as this weekend, and since the prevailing winds could carry this emission into Ontario and Canada's Atlantic region, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent):

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs investigate these reports and, if they are accurate, demand a halt to this potentially dangerous practice until we can be assured that no Canadian man, woman or child is exposed to the dangers of radiation.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.