

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have very grave reservations as to whether or not that subject is within the administrative competence of this House.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

JURISDICTION OVER RESOURCES—TAXATION OF MUNICIPALITIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Whereas the Prime Minister (Mr. Clark) has pledged to hand over control of offshore resources to the provinces, and the Minister of Justice stated in the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs that he saw no reason why municipalities could not now assess, for purposes of taxation, resources that lie under the ocean and adjacent to the municipality, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nipissing (Mr. Blais):

That the government instruct all their Crown corporations of this change so that the municipalities concerned can include these resources in their assessments for 1980.

Mr. Speaker: This motion can be presented for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL UNITY

REQUEST THAT PRIME MINISTER TAKE QUESTION MORE SERIOUSLY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Drummond): 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.

In view of the statement which the Prime Minister (Mr. Clark) made this morning to the Canadian Press concerning his attitude regarding sovereignty-association, and I quote:

[English]

My approach is easily subject to caricature. I could conceivably be hurt politically if I shook my fist and acted like a tough guy.

[Translation]

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lachine (Mr. Blaker):

S.O. 43

That the Prime Minister withdraw his insulting remarks and consider more seriously the Canadian unity issue which must of course prevail over his purely political and partisan interests.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF FORESTRY TERMINAL AT QUEBEC HARBOUR TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Louis Duclos (Montmorency): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and ask for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a motion relating to a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Given the fact that the Cossette report on the employment situation in the port of Quebec city recommends, first, eliminating one third of the jobs of the 365 longshoremen working in the port, second, reducing the number of working hours guaranteed each year to these workers and, third, lowering the retirement benefits of these men; and also given the fact that these recommendations have been rejected unanimously by the longshoremen gathered last Monday night in general assembly, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Matapédia-Matane (Mr. De Bané):

That the House ask the Minister of Labour to ignore the recommendations of the Cossette report and urge the federal government to take all necessary steps to facilitate the establishment of a forestry terminal in the port of Quebec city which would give jobs to all the longshoremen now working in that port.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to 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.