

S.O. 43

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE STUDY OF INCREASE IN FREIGHT RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. B. Keith Penner (Thunder Bay): Mr. Speaker, in view of the announced intention of the CNR to increase its freight rates by as much as 30 per cent for the movement of forest products in northern Ontario, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I move, seconded by the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis):

That this House do instruct the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications to inquire specifically into the operations of the CNR in northern Ontario to determine whether this Crown corporation is, in fact, impeding rather than encouraging regional development.

Mr. Speaker: Introduction of such a motion for debate at this time can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

CONSULTATIONS WITH MUNICIPALITIES TO EFFECT ENERGY SAVINGS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity.

In light of evidence from a study done by K. M. Jardine, a professional engineer and editor of the Manitoba Association of Professional Engineers' November periodical, which showed that vehicles at one four-way stop intersection in the city of Winnipeg consumed an additional 12,500 gallons of fuel annually and if that figure were applied nationally, the excess fuel consumption figure would be astronomical, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources study the findings of the report and, with an eye to energy conservation, direct his energy-saving officials to consult with municipal officials nationwide to review the necessity for as many four-way stops in Canadian cities and towns.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion at this time would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

FOREIGN INVESTMENT

ALLEGED LACK OF EFFECTIVE POLICY—CALL FOR MINISTER'S RESIGNATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, pursuant to Standing Order 43.

In view of the recent Science Council of Canada report that Canada has lost some 200,000 jobs because of our foreign-owned, branch plant economy, in view of the fact that FIRA has turned down only 4 per cent of foreign investment applications, and in view of the fact that the prestigious United States business publication, *Barrons*, summarized FIRA's track record as "the only United States business that wouldn't be welcomed in Canada is Murder Incorporated", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth):

That the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce resign.

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URBAN AFFAIRS

REQUESTED REPLACEMENT OF DEPUTY MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Jean Pigott (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the reported highly political statements of the deputy minister of urban affairs, and the vice president of policy for CMHC, to the effect that Canadians are too well housed and Canadian home owners are apparently well-to-do people who do not require government help, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Whiteway):

That this House direct the Minister of State for Urban Affairs to make the necessary arrangements for a permanent leave of absence for the present deputy minister and replace him with an individual who is sensitive to the realities of the housing situation in Canada, and stop covering up the failures of this government—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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[Translation]

Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, we can hardly understand one another in this large room. My question is directed to the Minister of Urban Affairs—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Proceedings under Standing Order 43.