HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 19, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

PROVISIONS RESPECTING HAND-GUNS—REQUEST FOR REVIEW—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Under present gun control laws, the black-powder hand-gun is classified as a restricted weapon. In the words of the National Firearms Association, "if one has any knowledge whatever of the intricacies involved in the operation of these firearms, it would be like comparing the use of a model-T in modern car races". Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer):

That this ridiculous provision be brought before the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to be reviewed and amended immediately.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CRITICISM OF GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity concerning the Garrison diversion project in North Dakota.

Whereas the Congressional supporters of the Garrison diversion project in North Dakota have attached an additional amount of \$9,7 million appropriation for the project to Mount St. Helens' disaster relief bill as an obvious move to bypass the United States administration opposition to the Garrison project, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That this House deplores the tactics employed by the Garrison promoters in the United States Congress, and that the Secretary of State for External Affairs contact the United States Secretary of State, Edward Muskie, directly today in order to express the sentiments of this House and impress upon him the serious concerns we have affecting this very important issue relating to the relations between our two nations.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

FUNDING OF GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity and with a view to giving the House a second chance with respect to the issue of the Garrison River diversion project.

Today the United States Senate is considering a supplemental appropriation bill which would provide \$9.7 million in funding to the Garrison diversion project in the state of North Dakota. In view of the fact that the completion of this project in its presently approved form would be almost inevitable should these funds be approved, and that the completion of the project would spell environmental disaster for the lakes and waterways of Manitoba and would be in violation of the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That this House unanimously communicate to the United States Congress its disapproval of any action on the part of the United States Senate or House of Representatives which would provide further funds to the Garrison diversion project, until such time as all possibility of inter-basin biological transfer and the ecological disaster it represents is eliminated from the Garrison plan.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

TAX CONVENTIONS

DEBATE THEREON—ALLEGED FILIBUSTER BY CONSERVATIVE MEMBER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Masters (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the fact that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) will be attending the Summit conference in Venice next week, and that Bill S-2 relating to tax conventions with a number of