HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, November 16, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

MOTIONS UNDER S.O. 43

[English]

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

COMPETITION FROM RUSSIAN-MADE AUTOMOBILES

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, whereas the Soviet-made car called Lada is sold in Canada below its actual cost because many of its parts are made in prison camps and it is manufactured by non-union workers, and its artificially low price is a benefit when going through customs; and whereas this constitutes unfair competition for the Canadian auto industry which is presently facing a crisis with thousands of its workers unemployed, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That this House urges the Canadian Government to take all necessary steps to protect the Canadian workers from this unfair competition.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POLAND-RELEASE OF IMPRISONED SOLIDARITY LEADER, LECH WALESA

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That this House commend the Government of Poland for releasing from imprisonment Lech Walesa and for restoring him to his family and to a position where he can represent the views of Solidarity as soon as the Government of Poland opens up a dialogue with Solidarity, the Church and with the Polish people as to the best way in which to deal with the many problems facing Poland and her people, and this House wishes Lech Walesa a successful re-entry into the public life of his country and expresses its support for a liberalization of conditions in Poland and the release of all other prisoners incarcerated in Poland since the imposition of martial law and for the immediate lifting of martial law in Poland.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

AIR TRANSPORT

SURVIVAL OF QUÉBECAIR

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to raise a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the Quebec Government has proposed joint federal-provincial financing to maintain Québecair to see it through a difficult period and maintain an airline which could be regionally viable, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That the federal Government immediately take measures to ensure the survival of Québecair and its 1,000 jobs.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

CANADA PATENT ACT

DEMAND FOR REPEAL OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

Mr. Gordon Gilchrist (Scarborough East): Madam Speaker, inasmuch as Bill C-102 of 1968, the amendments to the Canada Patent Act, has denied pharmaceutical companies in Canada the protections and proprietory rights available to all other kinds of businesses and has (1), impeded research and development of the Canadian drug industry (2), resulted in the loss of respected companies such as Averst with attendant job loss for highly trained Canadian scientists and researchers (3), stands in the way of future biotechnological development in Canada (4), reduces career opportunities for young Canadian scientists, and (5), conflicts with stated Liberal Government aims of increasing research, not diminishing it, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday):

That Bill C-102 be repealed at once.