

Bilingualism

to move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for York South (Mrs. Apolloni):

That this House expresses its regret at the announced layoffs of 150 workers at Douglas Aircraft, Malton, and urges the federal government to continue negotiations to save the jobs of these workers and to increase the priority of the government's study to develop a sound policy for the Canadian aerospace industry.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, such a motion cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST FOR TABLING OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ALTERNATIVES TO PURCHASE OF LOCKHEED "ORION"—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the problems surrounding the financing of the Orion LRPA contract that are threatening the early commencement of this essential defence program, and in order to give the people of Canada and members of this House a better understanding of the government's decision, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon):

That the Minister of National Defence table immediately all documents of the alternative proposals to the Lockheed P3-LRPA that have been considered by the Department of National Defence including the Cp-107 Argus Refit program proposed by Canadair.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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BILINGUALISM

SUGGESTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH ONTARIO TO ENSURE CONTINUATION OF FRENCH LANGUAGE TRAINING IN OTTAWA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter which I consider to be of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the contents of the Fifth Annual Report of the Commissioner of Official Languages, and since the government of Ontario is responsible for education in the Ottawa-Carleton area, I ask permission to move, seconded by the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis):

That this House instruct the government to enter into negotiations with the appropriate Ontario authorities in order to ensure the con-

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tinuation of French immersion language training at the option of each of the four Ottawa-Carleton area school boards.

An hon. Member: Cheap shot!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Under the provisions of Standing Order 43 unanimous consent is required before such a motion can be presented. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed!

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed!

Mr. Speaker: For the purpose of the record, the House should know that the motion was put by the hon. member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Poulin) and seconded by the hon. member for Ottawa West (Mr. Francis).

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

REFERENCE OF ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER AND BIBEAU REPORT TO COMMITTEE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I hope the unanimity of the House with regard to that question will continue to prevail now. I should like to ask the President of the Privy Council—excuse me, I should have said "the President of the Treasury Board":

Some hon. Members: Oh!

Mr. Clark: I am not sure to whom I ought to apologize.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Clark: I should like to ask the President of the Treasury Board whether, following the timely and constructive suggestion made yesterday by the hon. member for Maisonneuve-Rosemont, the hon. gentleman is prepared to arrange for reference of the annual report of the Commissioner of Official Languages to a special committee of both Houses for early consideration.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Spicer's report refers to the bilingualism policy, and Mr. Spicer is basing his remarks on a report we will get soon. I have myself commissioned the Bibeau report on the effectiveness of the public servants training program. The Bibeau report should be submitted to the Treasury Board within a few weeks. We will find a lot of information in this report, and I hope that after we have received the Bibeau report, which I have undertaken to table in the House, we will be able to make a review of the whole problem. I would also like to point out to the House