

Labour Relations

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I did not quite hear the motion and wonder if it could be read again. I wonder if the words "bunch of parliamentarians" were included in it.

Mr. Speaker: It is moved by Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre) and seconded by Mr. Harding:

That Mr. Speaker be requested to seek an immediate meeting of the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, so that Canadian parliamentarians can make known to their United States counterparts their views on the movement of Alaskan oil down the west coast of British Columbia and through the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[Translation]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**SUGGESTED CHANGE IN QUORUM OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour of advising the House that the Senate has sent a message requesting its approval for setting the quorum of the Joint Standing Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments at seven (7) members, provided both Houses are represented whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken and that the joint chairmen be authorized to hold meetings and receive evidence so long as five (5) members are present and provided both Houses are represented.

[English]

[Later:]

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in relation to the message from the Senate just read by the Chair, I should like to move:

That the quorum of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons on regulations and other Statutory Instruments be fixed at seven members, provided that both Houses are represented, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, and that the joint chairmen be authorized to hold meetings and receive evidence so long as five members are present, provided that both Houses are represented; and

That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours thereof.

Motion agreed to.

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LABOUR RELATIONS**DISPUTE WITH NON-OPERATING RAILWAY EMPLOYEES—SUGGESTED INTERVENTION BY MINISTER—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I, too, wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43 and I hope that it, too, will commend itself to the House, because it relates to a matter of some urgency and of national importance. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, I

[Mr. Speaker.]

wish to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity based on the following facts.

Reports today indicate that the two sides in the railway dispute are so far apart that only personal intervention by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) can end the threat of a Canadian rail strike. I would therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin), the following motion:

That this House immediately request the Minister of Labour to meet both sides in the dispute to secure agreement on a contract which will eliminate the threat of a national railway strike and the national consequences thereof.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

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CANADIAN COASTGUARD**SUGGESTED REFERENCE OF STATEMENTS ON TRANSFER OF COLLEGE TO STANDING COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43 relating to a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Reports have persisted for some time that the government planned to move the Canadian Coast Guard College, now located in Cape Breton, to the Ottawa Valley. I have repeatedly asked questions about this rumoured relocation and have repeatedly been assured by ministers of transport and by the government minister who supposedly protects the interests of Cape Breton, that this would not happen.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member might indicate the terms of the motion. As the hon. member knows, under the terms of Standing Order 43 it is not possible to bring forward argument or discussion in support of the proposed motion.

Mr. Muir: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I shall come immediately to the motion. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis):

That the matter of the misleading, contradictory and incorrect statements made by the present and former ministers of transport and the President of the Privy Council concerning the future of the Canadian Coast Guard College in Cape Breton, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion is proposed to the House under the terms of Standing Order 43 and requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.