

S.O. 43

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HUMAN RIGHTS

INHUMAN TREATMENT OF TAIWAN NATIONALS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity concerning Dr. C. M. Kao, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, who has recently been seized by the Taiwanese police, and also with respect to the fact that a member of his office staff was arrested last January and has been held in solitary confinement ever since, reportedly under the most inhuman treatment and with attempts to force her to confess to whatever she is told to say. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the House respectfully requests the Secretary of State for External Affairs to review all available details of this case in order to determine whether a severe violation of human rights as defined under the Helsinki agreement, and police state tactics, have and are taking place, and that the minister be respectfully asked to take whatever action may be within Canada's means to assist these individuals if a violation of human rights is indeed determined.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRANSPORT

P.E.I.—SERVICING OF FISHERMEN'S LIFE RAFTS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the fact that some 92 fishermen in the province of Prince Edward Island now have to have servicing to their life rafts done in Halifax, at considerable extra expense, while up to this year they could get the servicing completed in Prince Edward Island, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hillsborough (Mr. McMillan):

That the Minister of Transport immediately make arrangements with the manufacturer, Beaufort Canada, to reinstate a service department for these life rafts on Prince Edward Island, so that the fishermen of P.E.I. will not suffer due to a thoughtless administrative decision by Beaufort Canada.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

NATIONAL UNITY

QUEBEC REFERENDUM—CONTRIBUTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER
AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the superb and distinguished contribution of the right hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau and the right hon. Joseph Clark on behalf of their respective national parties in the referendum campaign, and in view of the fact that both leaders have stated in clear, concise terms their respective party's stand on the referendum question, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Burin-St. George's (Mr. Simmons):

That this House of Commons applaud their actions during this crucial time in Canadian history and, indeed, lends its unanimous support to their continuing efforts in fostering Canadian unity.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: I suppose we have unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Blais: The NDP said "No".

Madam Speaker: We have not?

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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POST OFFICE

DEPLORABLE MAIL CONDITIONS IN CALGARY NORTH—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Wright (Calgary North): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, concerning the deplorable mail conditions in Calgary North. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre):

That the Postmaster General and this government direct the Post Office to immediately commence regular mail service in all areas of Calgary North where delivery has been lacking for a period longer than 60 days.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.