

Jury Service for Women

Mr. Speaker, today we deplore the creation of such a body, which is to be called the Security Planning and Research Group.

The terms of reference of that service, if they remain as indicated by the Solicitor General, seem adequate to us, but we insist that that group have no active function whatever within our Canadian police forces. The advisory role of that group must be well defined, and we believe that it will have to remain of a strictly advisory nature.

Since the establishment of that group has become practically indispensable owing to the period of carelessness which has prevailed for too long in our governments in connection with their commitments toward the population, we therefore welcome although we do not like it this step toward police re-organization in Canada. Prevention is better than cure.

However, if that assertion fits perfectly the announcement of the Solicitor General, it applies all the more to the rationale behind the government's decision to establish the Security Planning and Research Group. The Canadian people are getting fed up with unemployment, unfulfilled election promises, trips abroad, etc.

The setting up of that government branch shows pretty well where we are after several years of gloomy administration under this government and previous ones. What a pity! It seems to me that we will not get anywhere as long as we do not realize that any basic reform must be founded on charity and on the individual human being.

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• (4:00 p.m.)

[English]

LABOUR CONDITIONS**LAY-OFFS BY GENERAL MOTORS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent, under Standing Order 43, to move a motion on a matter of urgent and public concern.

In light of General Motors decision to lay off 2,000 workers from its plants in Oshawa, Ste. Therese, St. Catharines, Windsor and Scarborough, it appears that we are witnessing the beginning of a large-scale export of Canadian jobs to other countries which will affect many centres in this country.

I therefore move:

That this House requires the government to take immediate steps to ensure that Canadian jobs are not sacrificed to provide jobs for workers in other countries.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings. The motion, moved under Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous agreement?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**RAISING OF PROPOSED AMCHITKA NUCLEAR TEST AT UNITED NATIONS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I also beg leave to move a motion under Standing Order 43 in respect of an urgent and pressing necessity, namely the commencement of the General Assembly of the United Nations. The motion I seek to move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Rose) is as follows:

This House is of the opinion that the government took the correct stand in expressing objections to the proposed nuclear device test scheduled to be conducted by the Atomic Energy Commission of the United States of America and therefore urges the government to raise this proposed nuclear device test in the United Nations forthwith in the hopes of developing a world wide concern about the moral issue of the United States of America adding further to the nuclear arms race and contributing to a potential environmental and geographic disaster.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Skeena. This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.

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[Translation]

CRIMINAL CODE**AMENDMENT RESPECTING JURY SERVICE FOR WOMEN**

Mr. Colin D. Gibson (Hamilton-Wentworth) moved for leave to introduce Bill S-20 titled "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (Jury Service for Women)".

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Gibson: Mr. Speaker, this bill proceeds from the report on the status of women, which advocates equality for Canadian women.

[English]

The sole purpose of this bill is to ensure that, in respect of jury service in criminal cases throughout Canada, women will be in all respects equal to men.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.