

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 6, 1980

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REQUEST BUDGET BE TRANSFERRED TO NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OR UNIVERSITY RESEARCH—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given that the Ministry of State for Science and Technology was created nine years ago and since then, according to figures just released, the research and development performance of Canada has gone from deplorable to disastrous, notwithstanding that six different Liberal ministers have each made vigorous and, I am sure, sincere statements about their government's commitment to improving this deplorable situation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie):

That the Ministry of State for Science and Technology be disbanded and its budget turned over to the National Research Council or to university research, since this is apparently the only manner in which this ministry can tangibly increase the R and D efforts of 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.

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SCIENTISTS FOR DEVELOPING TELIDON SYSTEM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That this House congratulate federal government scientists for developing and selling the Telidon system in the United States, and urge that the Government of Canada establish a Crown corporation to build and market Telidon systems for sale throughout the world, rather than selling it off to the private sector, since it was the public that assumed all the financial risk for Telidon's research and development.

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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RAILWAYS

CRITICISM OF POLICY ON BRANCH LINE ABANDONMENT—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the stated intentions of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) to rescind orders in council 1980-83 and 1980-84 which preserve some 30 branch lines in the prairie provinces that are necessary to serve the needs of the producers and the grain elevator companies, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kindersley-Lloydminster (Mr. McKnight):

That the Minister of Transport, the Liberal cabinet and the New Democratic Party, particularly the hon. member of Yorkton-Melville, be condemned for wanton disregard and disrespect for the producers and communities affected and, further, deplores another obvious attack upon western Canada at a time when conciliation and co-operation are so vital to preserving the fabric of this nation.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Andre: The NDP said "No", Madam Speaker; they are attacking the west.

BRANCH LINE ABANDONMENT—IRREVERSIBLE DAMAGE TO
WESTERN AGRICULTURE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the stated intentions of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) to rescind orders in council PC 1980-83 and PC 1980-84, which will place ever-increasing hardships on about 7,500 prairie farmers and cause irreversible damage and disrupt the planning and marketing strategy of every grain elevator company in western Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That this House condemns the Minister of Transport, his ineffectual assistant in the other place, the President of the Treasury Board, along with the New Democratic Party of Canada, for their deliberate disregard and lack of compassion for the people of western Canada which they purport to represent.