

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 22, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

FINANCIAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDANTS OF CRANBROOK, B.C., AIR CRASH—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity regarding the refusal of the Government of Canada to demonstrate compassion for the victims and families of the victims of the Cranbrook air crash. The Minister of Transport has refused to participate in a shared pool compensation fund proposal, arguing that there is no legal authority for such an arrangement at present. That refusal prevents others from participating and denies aid to the injured and bereaved. In the interests of equity, the official opposition is prepared to encourage the passage of any necessary legislation for this purpose within one hour of its introduction.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark: I, therefore, move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That this House urges the minister to bring forward legislation before the end of next week to enable the federal government to participate in the proposed pool fund.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LOTO CANADA

POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF LOTTERY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising out of news reports today that Loto Canada, a federal Crown corporation, has entered into a

contract with the General Instrument Company of Canada for the supply of computer terminals for its new lottery to be introduced in November of this year.

In light of the fact that this contract was entered into without any tendering procedure, in light of the fact that the price paid for leasing and servicing of the required terminals appears to be substantially higher than necessary, and in light of the high probability that the terminals will be imported from the United States although there are at least two companies available which are willing to guarantee that their terminals would be made in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan):

That the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport be ordered to examine this situation and to direct that in this case and in all future cases no contracts will be awarded without proper tendering procedures being adhered to, with preference given to Canadian production.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

SPRUCE BUDWORM SPRAY PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. It concerns the 13 million acre spruce budworm spray program of the provincial government of Newfoundland and the fact that federal law under the Fisheries Act is consistently being broken by the spray companies, doing irreparable damage to the environment. On the basis of observations and evidence collected in central Newfoundland by a group headed by a medical doctor, the spray program is being improperly managed in that massive amounts of the insecticide matacil is being sprayed on lakes, ponds, streams, as well as on water supplies of some communities. Since the spray is resulting in the killing of harmless and necessary insects, birds and fish, it contravenes section 33(2) of the Fisheries Act. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Madawaska-Victoria (Mr. Corbin):

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That the federal government immediately investigate the enforcement of the law under section 33(2) of the Fisheries Act as it applies to the spray program in Newfoundland and immediately prosecute those responsible for the breaking of