

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 1, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE CONSTITUTION

SUGGESTED ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
RESOLUTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Since the government resolution on the Constitution will be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada on April 28, and since there are major economic problems in Canada affecting farmers, businessmen and consumers, and since the government is intending to limit debate through closure or other means, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cariboo-Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway):

That the government adjourn debate on the Constitution and return to the business of running the country until the Supreme Court has completed its deliberations.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

SUGGESTED SUSPENSION OF DEBATE ON CONSTITUTIONAL  
RESOLUTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver-Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity affecting every member of this House. Whereas every barrister and solicitor who is a member of this House of Commons is also an official of the courts in his respective province and has taken a solemn oath to uphold the law, and whereas every member of this House who is a member of any professional society or association has also taken such a solemn oath, and indeed every member of this House who has promised to bear true allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, has by inference sworn a solemn oath to uphold the law, and whereas the Supreme Court of Newfoundland in a unanimous decision has declared the constitutional resolution before this House improper, immoral, offensive, unlawful and illegal, I therefore

move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the constitutional matters before this House be suspended and adjourned until such time as the Supreme Court of Canada may or may not remove the impediment to members acting against their solemn oaths by taking part in illegal proceedings and this House get on with the business of Canada.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### BILINGUALISM

VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD STUDY—FUNDING FOR ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE COURSES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas a new study just released to me by the Vancouver school board shows that 44 per cent of public school students and 33 per cent of high school students have English as a second language, which is a startling statistic—the main first languages are Chinese, East Indian and Italian—and whereas these statistics have been confirmed in a recent city-wide conference chaired by the member for Vancouver East (Mrs. Mitchell), I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver East:

That the federal government recognize its responsibility to immigrants after their admission to Canada through adequate federal funding to English second language courses in Canada's largest cities so that both immigrant and native Canadian children get a fair chance for a proper education.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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● (1410)

### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

EXPIRATION OF CONTRACT WITH PROVINCES—MOTION UNDER  
S.O. 43

**Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Hamilton West):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of today's expiration of