

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, December 11, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

PROPOSED FREEZE OF DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM
PENDING DEBATE IN THE HOUSE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the Prime Minister's (Mr. Trudeau) statement yesterday indicating that his government intends to proceed with major relocations of various departments across Canada, and in view of the tremendous costs of such a program of relocation, operationally, in terms of capital cost and in terms of operational inefficiencies in service to the public, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence):

That the government forthwith freeze the program of relocation on the grounds of necessity for fiscal restraint and until the concept has been discussed and determined by the Parliament of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): No.

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AIRPORTS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS
WITH REGARD TO PICKERING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Mr. James Snow, Ontario's minister responsible for transportation and communications, has recently stated that the Pickering airport is an option open to the federal government and he and the federal Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang) are setting up a committee to study the transportation needs of southern Ontario. Since, according to officials, the federal government has no intention of selling or using in another manner the land it accumulated for the purpose of building an international airport in the Pickering area, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin):

That the Minister of Transport be instructed by this House to clearly state his intention vis-à-vis the land accumulated for the purpose of building an airport at Pickering and whether or not he, officials of his

department or other cabinet ministers are actively engaged in attempts or intend to engage in attempts to have the Ontario government change its decision on providing access routes to the Pickering site suitable for an airport.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AIR TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR CANCELLATION OF SUSPENSION OF QUEBEC
COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES FOR SPEAKING FRENCH—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an urgent and important matter.

Owing to the glaring injustice done to two employees of the Dorval airport who have been suspended for having spoken in French at work, since there are two official languages in this country and that in addition, French has the priority in Quebec, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the Minister of Transport immediately order the cancellation of the suspension imposed on both employees.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE STUDY OF DIRECTIVES ON
BILINGUAL AIR-TO-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Serge Joyal (Maisonnette-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.