

Bilingualism

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 such a motion can be presented to the House only with its unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Moved by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan), seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and The Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That the members of the House of Commons, through The Speaker, send to Her Majesty best wishes from his House, et bienvenue au Canada.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH NOVA SCOTIA CONCERNING OWNERSHIP OF OFFSHORE RESOURCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the delay and procrastination which has extended over several years in resolving the question of ownership of offshore mineral resources adjacent to the Maritime provinces, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan):

That the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, or some minister on his behalf, report to the House on motions later today on recent discussions with Premier Regan on this vital issue which could, with the co-operation of the federal government in resolving this dispute, do so much to change the attitude and economic situation prevailing in Atlantic Canada at the present time.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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BILINGUALISM

SUGGESTED DELAY OF PROPOSAL TO CREATE ST. CATHARINES A BILINGUAL DISTRICT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity concerning the proposal under consideration that the St. Catharines area in Ontario be classified as a bilingual district, despite the fact that 97 per cent of the population is not French-speaking. I would, therefore, move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

In view of the fact that a copy of minutes, reportedly labelled confidential, of a secret meeting held on this subject at the Constellation Hotel in Toronto by the bilingual districts' advisory board has recently been given to the member for Lincoln on instructions of the President of the Treasury Board, and also in view of the fact that a copy

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of these confidential minutes are reportedly to be in the hands of a reporter from the *Globe and Mail*, that the President of the Treasury Board is requested to make public the contents of these documents and at the same time that he assure the House that no action will be taken creating the St. Catharines area part of a bilingual district while parliament is not in session this summer.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, cannot be presented to the House without unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

REQUEST THAT TANZANIA AND MAURITIUS REVERSE THEIR DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN GAMES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ralph Stewart (Cochrane): Mr. Speaker, I should like to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Dupras):

That this House requests the governments of Tanzania and Mauritius, fellow members of the Commonwealth, to reverse their stand and participate in the Olympics in Montreal.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires that before the presentation of such a motion the House give its unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF DELEGATION FROM SOVIET UNION

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may, with your leave, ask hon. members to acknowledge the presence in your gallery of a distinguished visitor in the person of Mr. Patolichev, Minister of Trade for the Soviet Union and delegate here engaged with Canada to continue the very good relationships we have in this field.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

FINANCE

MEASURES TO STIMULATE STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Manpower and Immigra-