

NATIVE RIGHTS

CALL FOR AMENDED LEGISLATION TO RECOGNIZE HUNTING RIGHTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

In light of the fact that in the spring of 1978 native people in Le Pas, Manitoba, were charged, prosecuted and later convicted, for hunting ducks in May of that year; that these convictions were a result of previous governments renegeing on treaty agreements with native people when the government instituted the Migratory Birds Convention Act; since the Liberal government promised in 1978 and 1979 to change the legislation in order to recognize native hunting rights, and since a protocol was signed last year with the government of the United States allowing for these changes, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly):

That this House instructs the Minister of the Environment to make the necessary changes in legislation immediately in order to ensure that no more native people are dragged before the courts for exercising their traditional and treaty rights.

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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ELDORADO NUCLEAR, HOPE TOWNSHIP—REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT RECONSIDER MOVE

Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. In his press statement on Friday justifying the move of the Eldorado plant out of Hope township, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources used grossly inadequate cost estimates, which undoubtedly were the same ones he used in cabinet in order to justify the change.

Now that it is apparent these extra initial costs alone will be over \$50 million, and not just \$2 million as the minister indicated at his press conference, will the government reconsider the move?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, there is no question of reconsidering the move. The minister has just informed me that he used no cost estimates at his press conference. So if the hon. member has been misled in

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some way or other, he should perhaps ask the minister for the correct facts.

Mr. Lawrence: Madam Speaker, if the Prime Minister is now indicating that there is no chance at all of the government reconsidering the move at all—

An hon. Member: He didn't say that.

Mr. Lawrence: Maybe I am misinterpreting the Prime Minister. Perhaps he will clarify that. I have given him notice of this supplementary.

Because the contract to put in the services to the cancelled plant in Hope township will require compensation to be paid if the services are not connected, and because that work alone will keep some of the construction workers busy over the next few months, could the government complete the servicing of this site for the cancelled plant and then turn it over, fully serviced, to the municipality—hopefully, for a token amount—so that the municipality itself could then attract other industries to the site? As I say, I have given notice of that question to the Prime Minister's office.

Mr. Trudeau: Yes, Madam Speaker, I am told that is one of the options being considered. I think the hon. member, quite properly, is seeking a solution to this problem for his constituency, but if he wants further detail I would ask him to direct his questions to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, who is much better informed of the details of this matter.

Mr. Lawrence: I have a further supplementary question, Madam Speaker. I am sure the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources heard my last request of the government in respect of the servicing of the site and turning it over to the municipality. Will the minister take that as a question directed to him?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, this is a matter that is being examined at the present time by Eldorado, and it will be discussed with the local authorities eventually as to what, if anything, should be done.

URANIUM REFINERY SITE AT BLIND RIVER, ONT.

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Since the government has selected a new uranium refinery site at Blind River, partly on the basis of storage of waste, does this mean that the community of Blind River has accepted that it will become the nuclear waste storage site for Canada?

● (1420)

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, in answer to the previous question, I would indicate that at the press conference there was no mention of cost figures in the press communiqué.

I indicated at the press conference certain figures in response to the question as to how much it would cost. I said