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ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARKS—
GOVERNMENT-OWNED SNOWMOBILES

Question No. 2,430—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. How many government-owned snowmobiles are maintained at St. Lawrence Islands National Parks?
2. On what date, from whom and at what price was each purchased?
3. Were tenders called on each purchase and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so (i) was this by public advertisement or invited tender (ii) what tenders were received in each case?
4. Who looks after maintenance of these snowmobiles and what was the total maintenance cost during the latest 12 months for which figures are available?
5. Are any leased snowmobiles used by the government at this location and, if so, from whom and at what cost?

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ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARKS—
GOVERNMENT-OWNED BOATS

Question No. 2,431—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. How many government-owned boats are maintained at St. Lawrence Islands National Parks?
2. On what date, from whom and at what price was each purchased?
3. Were tenders called on each purchase and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so (i) was this by public advertisement or invited tender (ii) what tenders were received in each case?
4. Who looks after maintenance of these boats and what was the total maintenance cost during the latest 12 months for which figures are available?
5. Are any leased boats used by the government at this location and, if so, from whom and at what cost?

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ST. LAWRENCE NATIONAL PARKS—GOVERNMENT-OWNED
VEHICLES

Question No. 2,432—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. How many government-owned vehicles are maintained at St. Lawrence Islands National Parks?
2. On what date, from whom and at what price was each purchased?
3. Were tenders called on each purchase and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so (i) was this by public advertisement or invited tender (ii) what tenders were received in each case?
4. Who looks after maintenance of these vehicles and what was the total maintenance cost during the latest 12 months for which figures are available?
5. Are any leased vehicles used by the government at this location and, if so, from whom and at what cost?

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Oil Supplies

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

ENERGY

OIL SUPPLIES FROM FOREIGN SOURCES

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Harding), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the steps the government proposes taking to meet the continuing interruption of oil supplies from foreign countries and, more particularly, what plans it has for (a) procuring alternative supplies to meet the needs of eastern Canada; (b) organizing public support for reducing the consumption of energy supplies this winter, and (c) instituting a system of oil rationing should this become necessary.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands has forwarded the notice required by section 2 of Standing Order 26. This has provided the Chair with an opportunity to give the matter the most serious consideration.

There can be little doubt that the proposed motion meets most of the criteria set out in paragraph 16 of Standing Order 26. The subject raised by the hon. member is, as specified in the Standing Order, a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration. It is one which is of interest and concern to all members and one which hon. members would want to debate, I am sure, at a suitable and appropriate moment. The Chair is therefore sympathetic to the proposal of the hon. member that there be a special debate on this matter.

Of course, it might well be suggested that the debate proposed by the hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs, to which reference has been made from time to time during the last few days, might afford us an opportunity for the special debate now proposed by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands. Hon. members will appreciate, also, that there can be only one debate about a certain subject under the terms of Standing Order 26 during the course of a session. Paragraph 16, subsection (d) reads:

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... the motion must not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same session pursuant to the provisions of this Standing Order.

When we are dealing with a developing situation and one which may become of graver concern later, hon. members may well wonder whether the moment has yet come when the one and single emergency debate provided by the Standing Order ought to take place at this particular point in time. With this in mind, I suggest to hon. members that it might be wise if the Chair were allowed to postpone until later this afternoon the very important decision he has to make in response to the motion so as to consult in the meantime with House leaders. These consultations would be of great assistance to the Chair in determining whether the proposed debate should take place