

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, December 15, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

SHIPPING

SUPERTANKER EXPERIMENT IN STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I hope I shall receive unanimous consent for this urgent and important motion which involves the waters off our shores.

In view of the announcement by the U.S. coastguard that a test run involving a huge supertanker is to take place in the Juan de Fuca Strait next month and that the tanker involved is to have a displacement of from 150,000 to 200,000 tons, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond-South Delta (Mr. Siddon):

That the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Minister of the Environment withdraw any approvals they may have given for conducting this test run; and, in addition, that a protest in the strongest possible terms be sent to the U.S. authorities indicating Canada's complete opposition to any such project, experimental or otherwise, because if the experiment is successful, using a dummy cargo of seawater, it will be difficult to resist the pressure that is bound to be mounted to carry out real-life tests with the live ammunition of crude petroleum.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, 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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AIR CANADA

ACTION TO ENSURE NO SLOWDOWN OR STOPPAGE OF SERVICE
DURING HOLIDAY SEASON—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, with more Canadians planning to travel by air in the next three weeks than at any other time this year, the urgency of my motion is self-evident. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond-South Delta (Mr. Siddon):

That the Minister of Transport is hereby directed by this House to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that no slowdown or stoppage of air travel by Air Canada during the holiday season takes place for other than natural causes.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, 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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FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK

CALL FOR REDUCTION OF PENALTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Madam Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent business. Since this government's policies have led to escalating interest rates, many small businesses across Canada have had to turn to the rather weak business development bond as their only solution. Here they find that they are forced now, in many cases, to pay severe penalties to the Federal Business Development Bank. On the left hand the government is attempting to assist small business, while on the right hand those same small businesses must pay a penalty equal to six months' interest at the prevailing rate, or thousands of dollars, which they are obviously not able to pay to the Federal Business Development Bank. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That this House request the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to have the six-month penalty clause reduced to ensure that the Federal Business Development Bank assist small business rather than hinder small business.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, 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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PUBLIC WORKS

DREDGING CONTRACTS—FAIR AND EQUITABLE TREATMENT
FOR CANADIAN COMPANIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and I am pleased that the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) is in the chamber. On December 4 the Minister of Transport said, as reported at page 5393 of *Hansard*, in partial response to concerns over dredging tender policies:

I think the hon. member and some of his colleagues raised an important point tonight about the tendering methods with respect to Canadian-owned and