

[English]

ELECTIONS

PROPOSAL TO APPOINT RETURNING OFFICERS ON THE BASIS OF MERIT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity arising from the fact that the government will shortly appoint by order in council returning officers for the 282 constituencies that will exist as a result of redistribution of electoral boundaries in Canada. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon):

To ensure the conducting of federal elections on a strictly non-political basis that, with the few exceptions where impartial and experienced incumbents may be reappointed, all future appointments of returning officers for each constituency be made on the basis of merit as a result of advertising competitions held by the Public Service Commission of Canada and that the present system be ended where such appointments are again about to be made on a political basis by rewards to party faithful with generous scoops from the Liberal party's pork barrel.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

BILINGUALISM

PROPOSED IMPLEMENTATION OF BILINGUAL AIR-TO-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS AT OTTAWA AIRPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Since this House has agreed to the principle of bilingualism and the fact that the Ottawa-Hull area or what is called the National Capital region has a francophone population of over 40 per cent; since the Ottawa airport serves all this region, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):

That this House instruct the Minister of Transport to set up bilingual air-to-ground communications at the National Capital airport.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a 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; therefore, the motion cannot be put.

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Trail

[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

SUGGESTED SECRET BALLOT ON THIRD READING OF BILL C-84—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I, too, rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that a great majority of Canadians are opposed to, if not outraged at, the outcome of the recent votes on capital punishment, largely because of the fact that a number of members were unable to, and indeed did not, vote as they would have liked—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Neither pursuant to Standing Order 43 nor in any other way is it ever in order to comment upon a vote in the House of Commons. If the hon. member has a motion which he wishes to put, he might put it.

Mr. Jelinek: Then, Mr. Speaker, may I say because of pressure tactics by members of the ministry, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta (Mr. Reynolds):

That this House dispose with normal voting procedures on the third and final vote on Bill C-84 and that instead a secret ballot vote be applied in order to give all members the opportunity to vote pressure free on this most vital issue.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRAIL

CONGRATULATIONS TO CITY ON SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, in order to perhaps change the tone of the House I should like to inform the House that the city of Trail, which is the home of the world champion hockey team, the Trail Smoke Eaters, twice world champions, in 1939 and 1961, and also home of the largest silver-lead-zinc smelter in the world, whose workers have contributed much to our prosperity, is currently experiencing its 75th anniversary. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan-Kootenay (Mr. Johnston):

That the House of Commons, representing all Canadians, extends congratulations and best wishes to the mayor, and municipal council, and to all the people of Trail, British Columbia, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the incorporation of this industrial and industrious community in south central British Columbia.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, the presentation of