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Some hon. Members: No.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

STEPS TO PREVENT POLLUTION OF RIVERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Canadians from every part of this country are blessed with the existence of thousands of clean and unpolluted rivers, whereas such rivers are every day threatened with contamination by toxic substances and other pollutants, and whereas no national policy exists to ensure a minimum standard of cleanliness for the rivers of Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That this House requests the Minister of the Environment to contact each of his provincial counterparts with the purpose of establishing a permanent federal-provincial committee under the authority of the Canadian Council of Resource and Environmental Ministers which would have the responsibility of establishing, on a national scale, a uniform standard of cleanliness of rivers, of maintaining a registry of clean rivers, and of advising provincial governments when pollution of a river reaches a level below this standard, in order to ensure that future generations of Canadians will always have the benefit of clean and unpolluted rivers.

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Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIRPORTS

VICTORIA, B.C.—INSTALLATION OF RADAR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and request the unanimous consent of the House to put a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to all Canadians flying to Victoria.

Since Victoria is the only provincial capital in Canada that is not provided with radar, and given the great increase in traffic at that airport over the past few years, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That this House urge the government, when prioritizing the various projects being considered for Victoria international airport, to place the installation of radar at that airport at the very top of the list.

Oral Questions

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Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

HYDROELECTRIC POWER—EXAMINATION OF ALCAN PROJECT IN B.C.

Mr. Lorne McCuish (Prince George-Bulkley Valley): Madam Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of the Environment I will direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister.

The Aluminum Company of Canada remains determined to embark upon the second phase of its Kemano hydroelectric development project in central British Columbia, a program which will cause devastating ecological and environmental damage over a wide area. On April 28 the minister informed this House that he had the assurance of the province of British Columbia that this program would not be proceeded with until a full public inquiry had been held.

At that time, Madam Speaker, I urged that the minister go to British Columbia to see for himself exactly what would happen. I now urge that he remain behind, because if he should go he will come back in a Glad bag.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. McCuish: In light of Premier Bennett's recent announcement that Alcan has a contractual right to proceed whenever it wants, with or without a public hearing—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. Could the hon. member put his question right away, please.

Mr. Clark: He is being shouted down, Madam Speaker.

Mr. McCuish: Would the Deputy Prime Minister now inform this House that, in light of the indifference of his minister and in light of the attitude of the province of British Columbia, he will take the necessary steps to protect the 200,000 people in central British Columbia?

Mr. Roger Simmons (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment): Yes, Madam Speaker, we are aware of the situation to which the hon. member has made reference. Yes, in response to his direct question, we are concerned about the