

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 22, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE PRIME MINISTER

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and to take strong umbrage at remarks about western separatism attributed to the Prime Minister in a headline story in Saturday's *Toronto Star*. In the Canadian Press report the Prime Minister is alleged to have blamed provincial and federal politicians for aiding and abetting the cause of western separatists. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the Prime Minister tell this House who is ramming unpopular federal programs down the throats of Canadians by orders in council; who yelled at western grain growers about lagging sales of wheat, "You grew it! You sell it!", and who said "I came into politics to save Quebec in confederation—someone else can save the west."

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE SALVATION ARMY

CELEBRATION OF ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY IN CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of great public importance. The Salvation Army is celebrating 100 years of service to God and man in Canada this year.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Dinsdale: During this time, in peace and in war, the Sally Ann has demonstrated the "heart to God and the hand to man" service of a voluntary association, motivated by a strong religious faith and a deep social conscience that goes for souls and goes for the worst. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Burin-St. George's (Mr. Simmons):

That this House through you, Madam Speaker, expresses its appreciation to the members of the Salvation Army and its leaders, and extends best wishes for continuing progress in its humanitarian endeavours in Canada and around the world during this time of growing spiritual need.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PARLIAMENTARY REFORM

CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELECTED SENATE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under S.O. 43. In light of the fact that on February 17, 1982, a by-election held in the Alberta constituency of Olds-Didsbury elected western Canada's first separatist-oriented legislator, and in view of the fact that in subsequent days there has been an enormous expression of jubilation from many western Canadian citizens arising primarily from the belief that perhaps for a change the federal government will now pay attention to western issues, and since the potential for separation is far more serious and possible in western Canada than it ever has or probably ever will be in the province of Quebec, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That this House call upon the Prime Minister to initiate the one act that would most unify this nation, which is to lay aside his suggestions of a system of proportional representation and opt instead for an elected Senate with equal representation from all provinces and territories.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLISHING

MEMOIRS OF CONVICTED MURDERER, CLIFFORD OLSON—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order