HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 11, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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ADDRESS BY UNITED STATES PRESIDENT REAGAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, today the House was honoured by the visit of the President of the United States of America. So privileged were we by his presence and by the content of his speech that on four occasions members of the House of Commons, the Senate, the diplomatic corps, and distinguished Canadians present in this House and in the galleries, awarded the President standing ovations. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That those members of the New Democratic Party who were among those who sat defiantly with their arms folded in indignation at the presence of another head of state be censured for their deplorable and unacceptable behaviour.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

KU KLUX KLAN

REAFFIRMATION OF CONDEMNATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I hope we will shed any partisan considerations, as we did yesterday for the motion by my friend, the hon, member for Leeds-Grenville (Mr. Cossitt).

In view of the unfortunate incident yesterday at Don Mills Collegiate Institute in my constituency in which a member of the Ku Klux Klan was permitted to address a senior history class, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker), and supported also by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House reaffirms its condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan, as passed unanimously in this House on July 14 last on a motion by the hon. member for Boadview-Greenwood, urges all provincial departments of education and local

school boards in Canada to take note of this condemnation, and reiterates its belief that the principle of freedom of speech does not give licence to preach hate against any racial minority group in this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Does the House agree to the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

YEAR OF THE DISABLED

SUGGESTED ACTION FOR INDUSTRIALISTS AND MANUFACTURERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I believe all parties can enthusiastically support this motion.

Whereas 1981 is the Year of the Disabled and throughout Canada a number of disabled citizens for various reasons require only one shoe or one glove but find it necessary to purchase a pair of shoes or gloves in order to satisfy their need, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart):

That this House urges the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to encourage Canada's shoe manufacturers and textile industries to make these goods available to Canada's handicapped people on a direct purchase basis so that they may purchase only one shoe or one glove.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE ENVIRONMENT

ACID RAIN—CALL FOR REDUCTION BY UNITED STATES— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that 50 per cent of the