

S.O. 43

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.

RIGHT TO SPEAK—CALL FOR CONDEMNATION OF PRIME MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, whereas probably the most important right enjoyed, at least prior to this date, by Canadians has been the right to be heard through their elected representatives in Parliament on important national issues; and whereas the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has violated this basic constitutional right through the insidious and odious use of closure on, of all matters, the constitutional debate, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid) and all the other members who were denied the right to speak:

That this House condemns the Prime Minister for his wanton abuse of the time-honoured rights and ancient privileges of Parliament.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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.

INVOCATION OF CLOSURE—CALL FOR CONDEMNATION OF PRIME MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the arbitrary and inexcusable action of the government of invoking closure denied a majority of members of the House of Commons the exercise of their right to rise in the House of Commons and speak on behalf of their constituents, and in view of the fact that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) publicly had given an unequivocal undertaking that all members of the House, from all parts of Canada, would be given the opportunity of expressing their views, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson):

That this House condemns the action of the Prime Minister and those of his advisers who yesterday made a mockery of our democratic system which so many Canadians fought and died for.

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.

STANDING ORDERS

S.O. 33—CALL FOR REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of most urgent and pressing necessity. Recognizing that the most fundamental and basic right of any member of the House of Commons is his ability and his right to speak in the House of Commons, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Clarke):

That this House immediately refer the study of Standing Order 33 to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, either for the purpose of revoking the order completely, or to modify the order so that it will allow the majority of members of Parliament to speak before it is invoked, and that all members of Parliament should have at least a brief opportunity to speak before it is voted upon.

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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COMMUNICATIONS

U.S. SATELLITE SIGNALS—CALL FOR MORATORIUM ON PROCEDURES PROHIBITING RECEPTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox) recently announced a crackdown on the reception and redistribution of U.S. television satellite signals and that the minister has promised an alternative Canadian package for inadequately served areas before the end of this fall, I move, seconded by the hon. member opposite for Cochrane (Mr. Penner):

That the minister declare a moratorium on further enforcement procedures until (a), so-called inadequately served areas are explicitly defined, and (b), a high quality Canadian satellite package is provided as an alternative to U.S. signals.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.