

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, December 9, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

MOTIONS UNDER S.O. 43

[English]

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

SUGGESTED ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Since the Auditor General has now confirmed what many of us have long suspected, that this Government has turned Parliament into a large rubber stamp, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn):

That the Government urgently adopt the recommendations of the Auditor General, stop creating Crown corporations and stop bailing out failing companies, before the taxpayers revolt and refuse to supply the ink for the pad.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

CN MARINE ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Madam Speaker, in view of the seriousness and urgency which the Auditor General attaches to present accounting practices of CN Marine, and in light of the Auditor's concern over the limited arrangements for audit and the consequent lack of control over Government moneys spent to subsidize East Coast ferry services, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That, as a first positive step toward meeting the concerns of the Auditor General, the Government take the appropriate steps to have the Auditor General named joint auditor of CN Marine.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

HEALTH

NATIVE INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Madam Speaker, the Cree Indians of Quebec have for some time been lobbying the federal Government to invite the World Health Organization to study native health problems in Canada. In this they were supported recently by the Editor of the *Canadian Journal of Public Health*, who feels that international effort may be the only way of reversing, for instance, the appalling native infant mortality rates, which are said to be worse than those of Indonesia or Nigeria. I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle):

That the Government swallow its pride and allow the World Health Organization to investigate the intolerable death rate among native people and, if it will not, that the Minister of National Health and Welfare make a statement to this House as to why not, and as to what the Government intends to do to improve the social and economic conditions that make such a study necessary.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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● (1410)

SHIPBUILDING

CONSTRUCTION OF ONTARIO DRYDOCK

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that an agreement was made between the federal and Ontario Governments to assist financially in the building of a new 1,300 foot drydock in an Ontario shipbuilding yard, and in view of the fact that the decision was made to locate this drydock at the Collingwood Shipyard in Collingwood, Ontario, quite some time ago, therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the federal Government make good its promise and come forth with its share of the cost of the drydock. This will create much needed ship repair jobs in the area, jobs which would contribute in a positive way to our sagging economy.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.