

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, July 18, 1975

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

COMMUNICATIONS

CABLEVISION—PROPOSED FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL
CONFERENCE ON GRANTING JURISDICTION TO PROVINCES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the terms of Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to present a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

Because the present imbroglio about jurisdiction over telecommunications threatens to lead to conflicts, the consequences of which could be serious for the country, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the government immediately order that a federal-provincial conference be held on the constitution for the purpose of sharing definitively provincial and federal jurisdiction over telecommunications.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, the motion requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED DISCONTINUANCE OF ATTEMPTS TO TRANSFER
CRUDE OIL FROM LARGE TANKER TO SMALLER ONE AT
HALIFAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43. Inasmuch as the renewed attempt by Imperial Oil to effect a transfer of the crude oil cargo from the Esso GOA to the Imperial St. Clair at the entrance of Halifax Harbour today poses unprecedented and unnecessary risk to the environment, made all the more real by their failure to effect such transfer yesterday under almost ideal conditions; and, in light of the imminent exhaustion of existing fuel energy supplies which will bring about real havoc in all segments

of the economy of Atlantic Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. McCleave):

That this House instruct the responsible authorities to bring an end to this very dangerous exercise and instruct the principle negotiators to return to the table with the Atlantic Pilots for the purpose of resolving the very narrow 3 to 4 per cent differences between the two parties.

Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the motion to be presented. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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AIR CANADA

PROPOSED CHANGE IN EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE OF
CORPORATION TO ACHIEVE EFFICIENCY IN OPERATIONS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, in view of the collateral matters being revealed during the course of Chief Justice Estey's inquiry into the financial affairs of Air Canada and the increasing evidence that the top executives of our national air carrier are either unable or unwilling to follow the enabling statutory guidelines which set out Air Canada's specific authorization and terms of reference for doing business as a Crown corporation authorized by this Parliament, the latest such instance, Mr. Speaker, being a confidential agreement with the Tourism Minister of Lebanon for the promotion of Air Canada in that country, a matter which has diplomatic overtones, the unusual nature of which is well illustrated by the quote from John McGill, Vice-President of Air Canada, who allegedly said: "I don't understand the mores and morals of the Middle East"—obviously, Mr. Speaker, it is not only the Middle East that the executives of Air Canada do not understand—I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That this House instruct the Minister of Transport, entirely apart from the report of Chief Justice Estey which will be tabled in due course, that there is now sufficient evidence that the minister make immediate changes at the top level executive structure of Air Canada to assure that management conducts the airline's affairs in a way that will be businesslike, and within the statutory authority granted by Parliament and in accordance with accepted international procedures, so that Air Canada may be a credit to Canada in every respect.

Mr. Speaker: Under the terms of Standing Order 43 this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.