

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, December 15, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS

RETRAINING NEEDS OF FEMALE PRISON INMATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, yesterday the Canadian Human Rights Commission ruled that the federal penitentiary system discriminates against women prisoners by offering them fewer training and rehabilitation programs and no chance of transferring to better facilities or prisons closer to their families and friends. The Commission also revealed that this country's female prison population is provided with only the most basic academic upgrading courses and a vocational training program which consists solely of instruction in hairdressing. Since this House placed the highest value on the equality of rights clause in the constitutional package, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That this House reaffirm its commitment to equality of sexes in Canada and direct the Solicitor General to initiate immediately an investigation of the retraining needs and receptivity of female prison inmates in order that appropriate programs can be put in place which will ensure them equal opportunity in the work force upon their release.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

CANADIAN VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, the United Nations Human Rights Commission yesterday ruled that Canada violated an international agreement which limited Larry Pinkney's right to appeal his extortion conviction. Since Mr. Pinkney is due to be released from prison on January 11, 1982, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration permit him to stay in Canada long enough to take advantage of the full appeal process.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NUCLEAR ENERGY

SALES OF URANIUM TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, I too have a motion under Standing Order 43. Whereas Canada is expected to sign a new nuclear sales agreement with the European Economic Community and Sweden in the near future which will not include provisions for case by case studies of the end use of Canadian uranium by foreign countries, and whereas provisions for case by case studies of the after sale end use of Canadian uranium has been a cornerstone of our nuclear safeguards policy for years, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle):

That this House condemns this desperate and irresponsible attempt to prop up our failing nuclear industry at the expense of our own moral obligation to ensure personally that Canadian uranium is not used to make nuclear weapons and, further, that this House instructs the government to return to case by case scrutiny in all future nuclear sales contracts.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

EFFECT OF BUDGETARY POLICIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, the November 12 budget was a tragedy for farmers. It increased the application of capital gains, did away with income averaging annuities, virtually stopped land sales to young farmers, prevented pioneers from retiring, and even cut the capital cost allowance on equipment that they must have to continue farming. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm):

That this House deplores these anti-producer tactics and urges that these policies be withdrawn.