HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, March 1, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ST. DAVID'S DAY

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, this being March 1, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling), hopefully supported by the Robertses and Evanses among us:

That on this day of St. David, the patron saint of Wales, this House extends to the Prince and Princess of Wales and to all good Welshmen in Canada and throughout the world our warmest greetings and good wishes.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Does the House agree to the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

SPORTS

APPRECIATION OF CANADIAN DOWNHILL SKI TEAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, those crazy Canucks have done it again. This past Saturday Canadian downhill skiers took four of the top seven positions in the Molson world downhill championships at Whistler, British Columbia, which was, indeed, an outstanding achievement. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Kent (Mr. Bossy):

That this House, through Madam Speaker, express its best wishes to the Canadian downhill skiers who competed at Whistler Mountain and that a special expression of appreciation be extended to their coach, John Ritchie.

Madam Speaker: The House may express its feelings by applauding.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

FINANCE

PURCHASE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS
PLANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Madam Speaker, during the last week of February Prince Edward Island, Western Newfoundland, the Magdalen Islands and northern New Brunswick were ravaged by a storm which stopped many residents from making final arrangements to purchase registered retirement savings plans. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the Minister of Finance extend the purchase deadline for RRSPs by an additional ten days for those citizens of Atlantic Canada affected by this storm.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EL SALVADOR—CALL FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN WARRING PARTIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, in light of the observations of the subcommittee which recently visited El Salvador that the possibility of a free and meaningful election is not possible at this time, and in view of the fact that the American ambassador to that country admits that the number of violations of human rights is not, in fact, declining, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans):

That the Government of Canada reconsider its position in regard to elections in El Salvador and join with President Portillo of Mexico and other like-minded countries to bring international pressure to initiate negotiations between the warring parties and postpone the election until a time when all Salvadoreans will be free and safe to participate.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.