HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, December 1, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

CALL FOR WELCOME BY PRIME MINISTER OF NATIVE PEOPLES' DELEGATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the fact that the constitutional train has recently arrived in the nation's capital, bringing with it a large delegation representing our aboriginal Canadians, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields):

That the Prime Minister welcome these Canadians, thereby demonstrating his great statemanship from the hallowed halls of Parliament Hill equal to his demonstrations of statemanship recently exhibited from the humped side of a camel, and that the Prime Minister bring home the constitution, amended in Canada and not in Britain, to ensure that all Canadians will have an opportunity to be heard on this issue which so affects the future for all Canadians.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL UNITY

WESTERN ALIENATION—SUGGESTED VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER TO WESTERN CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Trudeau) has failed to respond to the feelings of western frustration arising out of the discriminatory provisions of the federal so-called budget and his constitutional proposals, and whereas the Prime Minister has chosen to ignore this very real problem, choosing instead to accuse those who would express their dissatisfaction with his proposals of practising blackmail, being separatists or contributing to separatism, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Calgary South (Mr. Thomson):

That the Prime Minister be directed to cease taking cheap shots at Canadians who live in the west and, instead, to undertake immediately a diplomatic mission to the cities of Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria for the purpose of meeting the premiers and people of western Canada, so that he might begin to develop some understanding of the true reasons for western alienation, which is both real and growing.

Madam Speaker: Presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

PARLIAMENT HILL

VISIT OF NATIVE PEOPLES' DELEGATION—REMOVAL OF BARRICADES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, more than a thousand men, women and children representing the native peoples of Canada have come to Ottawa in peace and good faith to discuss matters of vital concern to their future and to the future of Canada. Considering that the barriers that have been put up in front of the Parliament of our country in response to this act of concern are morally offensive to all those who believe in freedom of assembly, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That this House demonstrate its willingness to reciprocate the peace and good faith of our native brothers and sisters by taking steps to dismantle immediately the offensive barricades.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

• (1410)

THE PRIME MINISTER

PROPOSED VISIT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to introduce the following motion. Whereas the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) is soon expected to leave Canada for many weeks'

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