

Amchitka Nuclear Test

• (2:40 p.m.)

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED AMCHITKA NUCLEAR TEST—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43. I believe unanimous consent is required. The urgency attaching to this motion arises from the fact that within the next few days President Nixon is to make a final decision on whether the proposed underground nuclear test on Amchitka Island will take place. It is known that Japanese and Canadian concern will have an important bearing on his deliberations. I therefore feel it is urgent that at a time when the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp) is expressing at the United Nations, Canadian reservations with regard to the proposed test, this House, government and opposition members alike, should indicate to the President of the United States that we all share the minister's concern in connection with this subject.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Anderson: The motion is as follows:

That this House expresses its grave concern at continued nuclear weapons testing and its serious implications for the arms race, regrets the recent high-yield underground test in the Soviet Union, emphasizes its hope that the United States government will reconsider its plans to carry out a high-yield test on Amchitka Islands which are close to Canada and known to be prone to earth and ocean disturbances, and strongly supports the efforts being made in the United Nations by Canada and other countries to achieve the prohibition by international agreement of all underground nuclear weapons tests.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Anderson). Under the terms of Standing Order 43 this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: There appears to be unanimous consent.

Mr. MacInnis: No.

Some hon. Members: Shame!

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The motion cannot be put.

[Mr. Speaker.]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

INDIAN EDUCATION IN NORTHEASTERN ALBERTA—
REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely, the crisis in Indian education which has arisen in northeastern Alberta.

Hundreds of Indian school children have been withdrawn from school in protest against inadequate school facilities. The parents are requesting a meeting with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to discuss the problem. To date there has not been a satisfactory response from the minister. There is no need to remind you, Mr. Speaker, of the harm which is done to children by lack of attendance at school.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville;

That the House do adjourn and that the education crisis in northeastern Alberta and the wider subject of Indian education be discussed.

Mr. Speaker: I have some doubt as to the correctness of the form of the hon. member's motion. What he is proposing now is an adjournment motion. As hon. members know, that should be done under the terms of Standing Order 26, not under the terms of Standing Order 43. For this reason I hesitate very much about putting the motion. Perhaps I will on this occasion merely issue a caution to hon. members that they have to make a choice between the use of Standing Order 26 or Standing Order 43. If it is the adjournment of the House they wish to propose, it should be done under the terms of Standing Order 26. This having been said, the Chair will proceed. Hon. members have heard the motion which, in accordance with Standing Order 43, requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not, and the motion cannot be put.

Mr. MacInnis: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the motion introduced by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich.

Some hon. Members: Too late.

Mr. MacInnis: I would ask the Chair to rule whether it was a debatable motion or not. If it was a debatable motion, I withdraw my objection.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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• (2:50 p.m.)

GRAIN

WITHHOLDING BY GOVERNMENT OF PAYMENTS UNDER
TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT—REQUEST FOR
UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 43 I should like to move