

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 16, 1980

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL ANTHEM

DESIGNATION OF "O CANADA"—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion which I hope will commend itself to the House and give effect to what I perceive to be a desire by members of all parties in this House for a declaration that "O Canada" be the national anthem of Canada.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley-Hants (Mr. Nowlan):

That Bill C-220, an act respecting the national anthem of Canada, standing in the name of the hon. member for Simcoe South, be called this day on orders of the day, and that, notwithstanding any Standing Order, the bill be considered at second reading, referred to the Committee of the Whole, and considered at third reading, and that no later than 4 p.m. this day all questions necessary to dispose of the said bill be put to the House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Trudeau: No. What are the words?

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ENERGY

RIISING OIL PRICES—CALL FOR COMMITTEE STUDY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Owing to the fact that Canadians are becoming increasingly concerned about rising oil prices, while at the same time oil company profits continue to increase, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone):

That presidents of the various Canadian oil companies be invited to appear before the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs and be allowed an opportunity to explain the profit picture of their companies and how

these profits are spent, and that Mr. T. C. Douglas, former NDP leader, now a director of a major oil company, be allowed to appear to explain his company's high profits.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

An hon. Member: Who is against Tommy Douglas?

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SPORTS

CONDEMNATION OF CFL DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CANADIAN ATHLETES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise to move a motion.

In view of the fact that the Canadian Football League has a designated import rule which discriminates against Canadian quarterbacks; and in view of the fact that the result of this rule is that outstanding Canadian athletes, such as Jamie Bone, are excluded from consideration by Canadian clubs and end up having to play for second-rate teams like the Dallas Cowboys; and in view of the fact that CFL Commissioner Gaudaur yesterday announced that the CFL has refused to change this rule, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae):

That this House condemn the CFL for their failure to treat Canadian quarterbacks fairly, and instructs the minister to contact the CFL and make it clear that if this discrimination is not changed, the government will take strong measures, up to and including legislation if necessary, to force the CCFL—the CCF—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Knowles: We are now the NDP.

Mr. Benjamin:

—to force the CFL to abandon its totally unacceptable and ludicrous discrimination against 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.