

Air Canada Inquiry
BROADCASTING

REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF APPROVAL OF TAKEOVER OF
BUSHNELL COMMUNICATIONS BY STANDARD
BROADCASTING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lloyd Francis (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity which relates to a meeting that is planned for three o'clock this afternoon. In view of the announcement over the weekend of the acquisition of a substantial ownership by Power Corporation in Argus Corporation, and in view of the previous approval granted by CRTC for the acquisition of a controlling interest in Bushnell Communications by Standard Broadcasting, a subsidiary of Argus Corporation, I move:

That the Minister of Communications request the CRTC to review the approval given to Standard Broadcasting to determine whether or not the takeover of Bushnell Communications is in the public interest.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, cannot be debated without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIR CANADA

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF ESTEY
INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43 respecting the recently announced inquiry into certain aspects of Air Canada's management and operations. Since the order in council P.C. 1975-963 appears deficient in that it does not authorize Commissioner Estey to make recommendations arising out of his fact finding powers, as is usually the case under the Inquiries Act, and since this defect could seriously curtail the effectiveness of the commission, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall):

That this House urges the governor in council to amend order in council P.C. 1975-963 by adding to the specific powers of the commissioner the following additional power, as paragraph (d): "(d) to make recommendations to the government as to possible measures to be taken in respect of and arising out of the findings of the commissioner".

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, cannot be debated without unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

NATIONAL PARKS

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF DOCKAGE FEES TO ST.
LAWRENCE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARKS—MOTION UNDER S.O.
43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion on a matter of extreme concern to my constituency of Leeds, and to other constituencies along the St. Lawrence River area. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

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That in regard to the recently announced dockage fees for the St. Lawrence Islands National Parks located in the Thousand Islands region, in view of the fact that such application is impractical and collection costs in manpower and boats would likely exceed the amount collected, and in view of the heavy costs such tolls will place on residents in the area, the House requests the government to take steps to withdraw the announced charges.

Mr. Speaker: The motion is moved pursuant to Standing Order 43 and cannot be debated without unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIET NAM—ALLEGATION VIETNAMESE STAFF MEMBERS LEFT
BEHIND WHEN EMBASSY CLOSED—METHOD OF OBTAINING
INFORMATION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister, who told the House on Friday last that the government had no information to confirm reports that when the embassy was closed in Saigon there were left behind Vietnamese who had permission from the Vietnamese government to leave the country. Has the Acting Prime Minister yet been able to check this situation? If so, what is it?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the inquiries made by the Department of External Affairs confirm that we took out of Saigon all those who had permission to leave. We have no reason to believe that there were any others who could have come aboard. Indeed, when the ambassador was going to the airport, five Vietnamese were removed from the car because they did not have permission.

Mr. Stanfield: The Acting Prime Minister has directed his response to the time at which that flight took place. My question really deals with whether there are Vietnamese there now who have such permission and, specifi-