

Government Orders

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I am in receipt of a notice of motion under Standing Order 52 from the hon. member for Calgary Northeast.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52**REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary Northeast): Mr. Speaker, I request today under Standing Order 52 leave to have an emergency debate on the aggression against the Republic of Croatia by uncontrolled and unconstitutional armed forces of Yugoslavia.

A genuine emergency has arisen due to the fact that the deadline for the moratorium on the declaration of independence by Croatia passed as of midnight, October 7, 1991. No peace has been achieved. As well, the democratically elected government of Croatia is under siege by an aggressor and we cannot reward aggression. That fact we established by the coalition against Iraq.

I am calling for immediate debate because it is of the utmost urgency that Canada take a stand concerning the recognition of the democratic, duly-elected government of Croatia. In order to do that, there must be a debate with the representatives of the people in the House of Commons. I believe members of all parties are cognizant and supportive of that fact.

As Your Honour is aware, there is an all-out war against Croatia, including an attempt by the military to kill both the Chairman of the Presidency of Yugoslavia, Mrs. S. Mesic, and the President of Croatia, Mr. Tudjman.

Efforts by the European Economic Community and the Security Council of the United Nations have failed. Therefore, the debate being of urgency, it should take priority over the day-to-day business of the House.

[*Translation*]

SPEAKER'S RULING

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The hon. member raises a very important question that no doubt concerns many members of this assembly. But given what the Standing Orders say about emergency debates, unfortunately, I cannot follow up or accede to his request today.

Mr. Kindy: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The hon. member for Calgary Northeast on a point of order.

Mr. Kindy: Mr. Speaker, I would like you to explain the criteria for having an emergency debate.

• (1540)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I would suggest that the hon. member refer to Standing Order 52.

[*English*]

I wish to inform the House that pursuant to Standing Order 33(2)(b) Government Orders will be extended by 12 minutes because of the ministerial statement.

[*Translation*]

Therefore, Private Members' Hour will begin at 7.12 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*Translation*]

COASTING TRADE ACT**MEASURE TO ENACT**

Hon. Jean Corbeil (Minister of Transport) moved that Bill C-33, an Act respecting the use of foreign ships and non-duty paid ships in the coasting trade, be now read the second time and referred to Legislative Committee E.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to begin debate on Bill C-33, an Act respecting the use of foreign ships and non-duty paid ships in the coasting trade.

This Act is intended to bring Canadian coasting trade legislation up to date. This government is committed to working in partnership with our industries for the betterment of all Canadians.

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to reserve what is commonly called the "Coasting Trade" to Canadian ships in waters over which we have jurisdiction. The Bill reserves all commercial marine activities to Canadian ships within the 12 mile territorial sea and the internal waters of Canada.

In the offshore, that is beyond the Territorial sea, all commercial marine activities related to the exploration and exploitation of non-living natural resources are reserved to Canadian ships.