

S.O. 43

HOUSE OF COMMONS

USE OF AIR PASS BY SECRETARY OF STATE—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I would like to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In light of news reports that the Secretary of State and his wife may accept a free CP Air flight to the Far East, valued at \$6,000, and will use the occasion to study cultural policy and freedom of information matters, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That this House request the minister to make a statement on motions upon his return outlining what new ideas he has learned about freedom of information from such model democracies as Burma, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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FINANCE

RIGHT TO DRAW ANNUITIES ON PRSPs—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 and due to the fact that a provision in the budget bill of April, 1978, prohibits persons under 60 years of age who are disabled, or otherwise physically unable to support their families, from drawing an annuity from their registered retirement savings program to which they may have contributed for several years, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax-East Hants (Mr. Crosby):

That this House do instruct the Minister of Finance to so amend the budget bill to restore to people who are under the age of 60 who are disabled, or otherwise physically unable to support their families, the right to draw an annuity from their registered retirement savings programs to which they might have contributed for years, so that these unfortunate people may look after and raise their families without being a liability to society.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. S. Victor Raiton (Welland): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Drummond (Mr. Pinard):

That this House extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Their Excellencies, the Governor General and Mrs. Jules Léger, for their devoted service to Canada and all Canadians for the past five years, and that this House congratulates—

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not want to interrupt the hon. member or put him in an awkward situation, but I think he will recognize that I have consistently rejected the use of Standing Order 43 for this kind of purpose.

Furthermore, the hon. member must surely recognize that the spirit of his resolution has already been entirely accepted by the House through the remarks which have been made. I put them, as a matter of priority, before any other business today, to announce the appointment of the new Governor General and to wish him well, and also to extend on behalf of all parties the congratulations of the House to the new incumbent and, of course, the present incumbent of that office.

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AIR CANADA

CALL FOR REINSTATEMENT OF FLIGHT 562 TO MONCTON, N.B.—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Whereas the greater Moncton area of New Brunswick is a large distribution centre; whereas in order to retain employment and an effective distribution system it is necessary to maintain expeditious transportation services for freight, cargo, mail and passengers in and out of the Moncton area by air, rail and highway; whereas Air Canada has just discontinued an absolutely necessary cargo and freight services to southern New Brunswick, flight No. 562, which operates regularly into Moncton in the early hours of the morning; and whereas this decision will have a very damaging and deteriorating effect on the economy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte (Mr. McCain):

That the Minister of Transport and Air Canada be directed to reinstate immediately this special cargo and freight service, flight No. 562, to Moncton, as well as to improve passenger scheduling and service.

Mr. Speaker: The introduction of such a motion for debate can be done, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I hope the House will agree that the oral question period should continue until ten minutes past three.