

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, January 25, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST GOVERNMENT DECLARE OPPOSITION TO CUBA'S USE OF ARMED FORCES IN OTHER COUNTRIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely, to move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That this House views with fear and alarm the course followed by President Castro and the Republic of Cuba, recently intensified, of using the armed forces of that country to operate in Africa and elsewhere to bring about the downfall of administrations that are not communist.

Furthermore, despite the fact that such conduct by Cuba is a continuing threat to peace, the high degree of public admiration and friendship shown to President Castro by the present government of Canada in the last three years is being interpreted in Africa and South America as approval by Canada.

Therefore, in the hope that it will contribute to removing any misunderstanding of Canada's position, this House declares that it is unalterably opposed to and condemns what is being done by Cuba in this regard.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, such a motion can be presented for debate only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

FAILURE OF U.S.S.R. TO WARN CANADA OF IMPENDING CRASH OF SATELLITE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In order that all members of the House of Commons can add support to the Canadian government's note of protest to the U.S.S.R. concerning that government's inexcusable failure to warn Canadian officials of the impending crash of a potentially dangerous satellite, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth):

That this House express its serious displeasure with the government of the U.S.S.R. for failing to warn Canada of the dangers posed to the Canadian people by the satellite which crashed on our territory.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Recent legislation of the government regarding the abolition of capital punishment has obviously resulted in an increase in capital murder, particularly the murder of police officers. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Rynard):

That this parliament immediately amend the Criminal Code and reinstate capital punishment as the ultimate, permanent and effective deterrent to capital crime.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO INCREASE PROFITS OF MILK PRODUCERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I seek the unanimous consent of the House, pursuant to Standing Order 43, to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the financial difficulties industrial milk producers are faced with as a result of the government's inconsistent dairy policies, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House urge immediately the Minister of Agriculture to take the necessary steps so that dairy producers may obtain the quotas or, either through subsidies or otherwise, the incomes they need to maintain a decent standard of living.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion