

Jurisdiction Over Continental Shelf Waters

come after him, or the ones who came before him, will parade around making these foolish, worthless, and empty statements that do not settle anything at all, neither at the national nor at the provincial levels. Let us have a policy that will enable the federal government to be useful to the provinces and to the Canadian people in general and the results we shall achieve will be quite different from those we have achieved so far.

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[English]

FOOD PRICES REVIEW BOARD

TABLING OF ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS AND SETTING FORTH TERMS OF REFERENCE

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), a copy in both official languages of the order in council appointing the commissioners of the Food Prices Review Board and giving its terms of reference.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Would the minister assure us that, before the business under motions is completed, he intends to make a statement to try to justify the document he just tabled?

Mr. Gray: The merits of the document speak for themselves and I think are agreed to by the majority of the Canadian population.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

JURISDICTION OVER WATERS ABOVE CONTINENTAL SHELF—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I want to move a motion under Standing Order 43. I have served notice to the various parties and to the House leader of the party across the aisle who I understand has been in discussion with the Minister of the Environment and Fisheries, the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Prime Minister.

Because of the public statements of the Minister of the Environment and Fisheries outside the House over the weekend supporting the concept of Canadian control of the marine resources of the continental shelf, and because of the consistent position of this party and the other parties of this House on this issue for some years, and in order to get the House to express its support of such a resolution, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move, seconded by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall):

That this House supports the concept of the jurisdiction of Canada over the waters superjacent to its continental shelf and that this position form the basis of Canada's presentation at the upcoming Law of the Sea Conference.

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed by the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate requires the unanimous consent of

[Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue).]

the House. The Chair will inquire whether there is unanimity. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the hon. member's motion cannot be put at this time.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The government blocked it.

Mr. Lundrigan: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I am not challenging Your Honour, but I wonder whether you could put the motion again. I am not challenging Your Honour, but the wording of the motion is such that I cannot imagine why the party across the way is objecting to it after the presentation by the minister and the consultation that has taken place.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair is required under the Standing Order to inquire whether there is unanimous consent. I have done this and there was not unanimity. The hon. member referred a moment ago to discussions that have taken place between representatives of the parties. Perhaps these discussions might be resumed later on with a view to bringing this matter before the House in some other way.

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, if no other member wishes to move a motion under Standing Order 43 I would like to move another motion.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Comox-Alberni.

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CANADIAN COASTGUARD

PROPOSED REFERENCE OF PETITION TO COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Thomas S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, the continued downgrading of Canadian Coastguard services, which was highlighted by recent deaths by drowning at the doorstep of Tofino lifeboat station, necessitates that I rise, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, to seek consent to move a motion. I wish to move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That the petition signed by almost 400 residents of Tofino, Ucluelet and Bamfield demanding immediate restoration of 24-hour manning of Tofino and Bamfield lifeboat stations, which I have been requested to place before parliament, and a copy of which I now send to the Minister of Transport, be referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications for immediate investigation and report.

Mr. Speaker: This motion also requires the unanimous consent of the House in view of the fact that it is proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.