

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 8, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

MOTIONS UNDER S.O. 43

[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

CALL FOR RECONSTITUTION OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACID RAIN

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I am sure that the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Roberts) and Hon. Members throughout the House share my concern with regard to the serious matter of acid rain. It is a concern felt throughout my riding of Parry Sound-Muskoka and, I know, the rest of the country. It is an ongoing problem and one which demands our ongoing attention. Among other considerations which spring to mind, I would mention that the Government, in its dealing with those beyond our border, should have the backing of an ongoing subcommittee devoted to the subject. I would also point out that all Members of the former committee are unanimous in their request that it should be reinstated. I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Northumberland (Mr. Hees):

That immediate steps be taken to reconstitute, on a continuing basis, the former Special Sub-Committee on Acid Rain.

There is a precedent for this action, involving the Subcommittee on the Disabled, which is still continuing.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTERS

Mr. Ron Stewart (Simcoe South): Madam Speaker, in his speech to the Liberal convention this past weekend the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) promised delegates that the Government "will move in five strategic areas", these to be detailed in the coming Speech from the Throne. In a recent full-page newspaper ad The National Citizen's Coalition presented five truly strategic reasons why Canada is in such trouble: the new Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) and his disastrous energy program; the new Secretary of State (Mr. Joyal) and his costly and divisive bilingual policies; the new Minister of Energy,

Mines and Resources (Mr. Chrétien), who removed property rights from the Constitution; the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) who plans to do to the agricultural industry what was done in the energy field; and the Prime Minister himself, whose Government has created debt and despair.

I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That if the Government is really serious about taking five steps to restore our economy and our confidence, the aforementioned immediately resign, a move which would instantly improve prospects for at least five million of their fellow Canadians.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED

NUCLEAR WASTE DISPOSAL—SUGGESTED TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, in a special report on the Canadian nuclear industry in yesterday's *Toronto Star*, Egon Frech, a spokesperson for the nuclear waste management division of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, admitted that the nuclear industry was not really interested in dealing with the problems of permanent nuclear waste disposal and that, "if it were not for public pressure, we would not be engaged in . . . disposal research". In that same exposé, the Hon. Member for Thunder Bay-Atikokan (Mr. McRae) said this about the AECL: "I have never had experience with any group that I mistrust more. They operate in a semi-secret way and they use a big public relations operation to put people off." In view of these statements, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That the Government, in order to protect future generations of Canadians, transfer responsibility for nuclear waste disposal research, and responsibility for assessing the health hazards of nuclear waste, to a scientific body completely independent of AECL and one beyond the reach of the powerful nuclear lobby groups.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.