

TRANSPORT

MOVEMENT OF GRAIN—CLASSIFICATION AS ESSENTIAL SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the abnormal congestions in country grain elevators located on CP rail lines, and whereas these massive disruptions in the movement of grain are at the loss of millions of dollars to prairie farmers and have been brought about by a minority of union workers who are at this time not in a legal position to strike, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kindersley-Lloydminster (Mr. McKnight):

That all unions associated with the movement of grain, in the interests of farmers and our national economy, be classified as an essential service.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CREDIT UNIONS

TRIBUTE TO FOUNDERS OF, AND WORKERS IN, FINANCIAL SERVICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter that is current today, urgent and necessary. In view of the fact that today is International Credit Union Day, which is intended to pay tribute to a long-standing tradition of co-operative financial services, shared by more than 60 million people and 45,000 credit unions and caisses populaires, and in view of the remarkable history and continuing growth of the credit union movement in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae):

That this House pay tribute to the dedicated people who founded and continue the work of expanding co-operative principles in financial services to millions of Canadians through credit unions and caisses populaires.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Oral Questions

SEARCH AND RESCUE

CALL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW EMERGENCY LOCATOR TRANSMITTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, the crash of the Canadian Forces air-sea rescue C-130 Hercules with the resulting tragic loss of life points up dramatically the complete lack of policy of the Department of Transport with regard to emergency locator transmitters. Whereas the enormous costs of this and other searches would more than pay for that which I propose, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the Minister of Transport instruct his department to develop an ELT which will work properly and which would capture the export market, and that the mandatory regulations for ELT's be returned but this time with a decent subsidized program for owners.

Madam Speaker: Presentation of this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

PUBLIC OPINION POLLS—INQUIRY AS TO REASON RESULTS NOT PUBLISHED

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. Yesterday, in a letter to members of Parliament, the minister refused to release three polls which the government conducted subsequent to May 20, 1980. He refused on the grounds that these surveys "could be injurious to the conduct of federal-provincial relations". Given the fact that at least seven provinces are now opposed to the government's measures to patriate and amend the constitution and the fact that the minister has refused to make available polls which would seem to be available elsewhere, will the minister state what is the real reason why he is withholding this information that was paid for by the people of Canada and which the people of Canada through their representatives are entitled to have?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): Madam Speaker, I gave the reasons in the letter. We released 13 polls yesterday. There are three which will be released in due course. I believe that later today we will release something like 117 others. As I said, the polls I will not release relate not only to the constitution but to other questions as well and I think this is not the time to make them public.