S.O. 43

Canada flight to Halifax, change planes at Halifax and arrive in St. John's, Newfoundland, at 1.45 p.m. Newfoundland time—four hours and 15 minutes total duration—and in view of the fact that under the summer schedule of Air Canada the traveller to St. John's, Newfoundland, must leave Ottawa at 7.35 a.m. on a flight to Montreal, wait at Montreal airport for some four hours and then take a flight at 12.10 p.m. from Montreal via Halifax to St. John's, Newfoundland, arriving at 5 p.m. Newfoundland time—or eight hours after leaving Ottawa—I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That all officials of Air Canada who have had any connection with or responsibility for the summer Air Canada schedule for flights from Ottawa to St. John's be "Mackaseyed", without any golden handshake, and that the schedule be changed to ensure service at least the equivalent of the winter service for travellers from Ottawa to St. John's, Newfoundland, particularly in view of the direct service offered to capitals of provinces such as Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island from Ottawa, and that this continuing rank discrimination against Newfoundland by way of air services cease immediately.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Mackasey said "Yes".

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FORESTRY

ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR LAID-OFF WORKERS-MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Madam Speaker, I have a motion, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, which lends itself to the serious consideration of this House.

It concerns the mounting problems experienced by the forest and wood-converting industries which result in ever-increasing unemployment, particularly on the west coast but throughout our country and, of course, the serious effect this will have on unemployment insurance statistics. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Bulkley Valley (Mr. McCuish):

That the minister engages himself immediately in discussions with his colleagues, the minister responsible for manpower, and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and their counterparts in the governments of the provinces in an attempt to work out a program whereby workers whose employment has been terminated for reasons of depressed market conditions can be engaged in the important task of renewing our forests, and that the federal government undertakes to offer direct subsidies to companies that undertake such programs.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

POST OFFICE

OPPOSITION TO AMALGAMATION OF MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT OFFICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on an issue of urgent and pressing necessity.

In light of statements made late last week by Saskatchewan postal officials which confirmed plans to amalgamate Manitoba and Saskatchewan district offices, thereby removing the district office from Saskatoon, and from Saskatchewan, taking with it jobs and a measure of local control over postal services, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong):

That this House goes on record as being opposed to this amalgamation which will reduce services, reduce efficiency and serve only to further centralize postal operations in this country.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: You are a week late.

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EXCISE TAX

REQUEST TAX BE REMOVED FROM GASOHOL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill J. Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the technology involving the production of gasohol is now proven and available, and that gasohol could replace up to 10 per cent of the fuel requirements now served completely by gasoline, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That this House directs the Government of Canada to provide positive leadership by exempting gasohol from the excise fuel tax of approximately seven cents per gallon on gasoline that contains at least 10 per cent biomass fuel alcohol, thereby making gasohol prices competitive with those of gasoline.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): A first-rate idea.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.