

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, July 14, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REQUEST THAT CORPORATION'S EDUCATIONAL FILMS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. During the past four years Canadian schools and universities have made countless representations to the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner) and the CBC requesting the loan of CBC educational films for showing in classrooms. All they have received has been a big run around. I move, seconded by the member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon):

That this House direct the Secretary of State to start immediate negotiations with the Canadian School Trustees Association and the Canadian School Teachers Association and all interested parties to design a plan to allow CBC educational films to be shown in Canadian classrooms.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, the motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIR CANADA

PROPOSED APPEARANCE OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES BEFORE STANDING COMMITTEE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF ESTEY REPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. Since officials of Air Canada have not appeared before the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications since 1973, and in view of the many developments since then in the area of air transportation policy and events affecting our national air carrier such as the current inquiry into certain aspects of Air Canada's policies by Chief Justice Estey, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the government House leader in consultation with his colleague, the Minister of Transport, expedite the appearance of witnesses from Air Canada before the appropriate committee of the House as soon as possible following the tabling of Chief Justice Estey's report so

that all interested members may have the opportunity of examining these officials from our national air carrier and in particular those who have given testimony before the Estey commission.

Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 43 requires that the motion cannot be put without unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ENERGY

SALE OF CANDU REACTOR TO ARGENTINA—REQUEST FOR TABLING OF CONTRACT CONTAINING PROVISION FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATION OF SAFEGUARDS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whom the Secretary of State for External Affairs last week invited me to ask whether he is prepared to table the provisions of the agreement of 1973 between Canada and Argentina. This is the agreement which provides for subsequent negotiations of safeguards in connection with the CANDU reactor deal. Can the minister tell us whether there were provisions for subsequent negotiation of safeguards in that commercial contract, and if so is he prepared to table them?

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Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): There was in the commercial contract a provision stipulating that the agreement was subject to an agreement being entered into between Argentina and the International Atomic Energy Agency. We are talking now about the contract which was signed on December 20, 1973. Subsequently, there was such a negotiation and an agreement was completed between the government of Argentina and the IAEA. While it might not be in the commercial interest of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited to put the actual document on record, I imagine there would be no difficulty about reproducing the wording, although I do not think it is more complicated than what I have just expressed.

Mr. Stanfield: So, the recollection of the Acting Prime Minister was not exactly accurate when he expressed confidence that there was provision in that contract for the subsequent negotiation of a bilateral agreement on safeguards between Argentina and Canada; it appears the