

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 3, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FINANCE

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN CHILD CARE TAX DEDUCTION—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of pressing necessity. The child care tax deduction of \$1,000 for working mothers has not been adjusted since 1976, even though child care costs have soared to \$2,500 a year in government-subsidized centres and even higher in the private sector. Given that child care costs are a legitimate business expense and should be treated as such for tax purposes, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That the \$1,000 tax deduction limit for child care which working mothers can now claim be increased to reflect the legitimate costs of child care which are currently running on average at four times that amount.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIRPORTS

SALE OF EXPROPRIATED LANDS AT MIRABEL—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Madam Speaker, I would like to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the fact that the Liberal government, under the able direction of the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox), the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Cosgrove) and the hon. member for Argenteuil-Papineau (Mr. Gourd), has now stated that it will sell only 30,000 of the 97,000 acres it expropriated for Mirabel International Airport and not 80,000 acres as indicated three weeks ago, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle):

That congratulations be extended to the "speedy" Liberal government for keeping the farmers of this region in continued confusion and relentless frustration for "only" 12 years while it settled this issue.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

FUNDING FOR NATIVE WOMEN'S FIGHT FOR JUSTICE AND
EQUALITY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Madam Speaker, all sides of this House have recognized the blatant discrimination against native women in Canada and the urgent need for action to end it. Above all, native women need a strong organization of their own to represent their interests at local, provincial and national levels. A consultation process with the Native Citizen Directorate identified several areas for expansion of the native women's program, and a cabinet submission was to be made in early March. However, nothing has happened, and the Native Women's Association of Canada has not been able to obtain a meeting with the Secretary of State (Mr. Regan) to discuss their needs. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Alberni (Mr. Miller):

That this House instructs the Secretary of State to arrange an early meeting with the Native Women's Association of Canada in order to arrange an adequate funding program so that native women will have the means to fight for justice and equality.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIR TRANSPORT

OPPOSITION TO DIVERSION OF EAST COAST FLIGHTS FROM
DORVAL TO MIRABEL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Madam Speaker, the Halifax Board of Trade and other concerned organizations and residents in Atlantic Canada view with alarm the possibility that Air Canada and CP Air flights from Halifax destined to Montreal will be diverted from Dorval to Mirabel Airport. Accordingly I move, seconded by the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte (Mr. McCain):