

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, December 2, 1976

The House met at 2 p.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

REQUEST THAT CHARGES BE LAID AGAINST BRIAN DAVIES FOR DISRUPTION OF SEAL FISHERY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgency. The case against one Brian Davies, who was charged with violations of the Fisheries Act during the seal fishery last year, was ruled by the Newfoundland court as outside their jurisdiction. The results of this decision prompts action by the federal government. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House orders that the government investigate the circumstances and that they lay charges in the appropriate court regarding this deliberate attempt to cause destruction of the seal fishery of Newfoundland.

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 can be presented to the House only with its unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### ENERGY

SUGGESTED CANCELLATION OF SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR TO ARGENTINA IN VIEW OF ALLEGATIONS OF BRIBERY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The government, through its Crown corporation Atomic Energy of Canada, has been engaged in sale of a nuclear reactor to the Argentine Atomic Energy Commission, not yet completed. It now appears that an Italian corporation, Italiampianti acting as some sort of partner of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, has paid bribes to two former Argentine cabinet ministers using Canadian public funds. In as much as this transaction was unprofitable to the tune of \$25 million and involves possible nuclear proliferation to a country of notorious political instability and as there is now every reason to doubt its legality, I therefore move, seconded by the

hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan and The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That the Canadian government be instructed to investigate this matter fully and if the facts turn out as alleged to cancel the deal and cease from further negotiations of the sale of the reactor forthwith.

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 can be presented to the House only with its unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

### HOUSING

SUGGESTION INTEREST PAID ON MORTGAGES BE DEDUCTIBLE FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that, according to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation President William Teron, two thirds of the Canadians who require some housing cannot adequately do so; that, again according to Mr. Teron, the Canadian government is responsible for such a situation for having failed to develop housing construction; and that it is the duty of any government to improve as much as possible the standard of living of its people, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That the federal government, through the Department of Finance, take as soon as possible the necessary steps to allow the payment of mortgage interests paid by a taxpayer on its first house to be deductible from his personal income tax, thus making easier the purchase of a house, so that all Canadians may get suitable housing.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent, the motion therefore cannot be put.