

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 4, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AGRICULTURE

LOCATION OF PROPOSED VETERINARY COLLEGE IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that, because of the limited space available in our three veterinary colleges in Canada, less than 15 per cent of the eligible applicants to the veterinary course can be accepted, resulting in an undesirable shortage of veterinarians in all phases of the profession, including the civil services, and in view of the fact that the Atlantic provinces have been procrastinating for several years now as to where the fourth veterinary college will be located in the maritimes, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the Minister of Agriculture, whose department would be allocating some 50 per cent of the capital cost toward a new college, take the bull by the horns and come up with a suitable location and let us get on with this much-needed facility, or use the money to expand existing facilities and increase enrolment.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

NEGOTIATION OF SALARY INCREASES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, the only sizeable group of people who are assisted by the budget are senior civil servants and senior officials in Crown corporations who received a very significant increase in net pay as a result of the reduction of the over-all tax rate from 63 per cent to 50 per cent. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid):

That the President of the Treasury Board, in negotiating salary increases for senior officials in the government, take into account the enormous benefit they have already received as a result of the change in tax policy and that any indexing be reduced by the effect of the income tax changes on their take-home pay.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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WORLD ALPINE SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONGRATULATIONS TO CANADIAN WOMEN'S DOWNHILL SKI TEAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, my motion under Standing Order 43 should have no difficulty in receiving the unanimous consent of the House.

Yesterday Canadians received the great news that Gerry Sorensen of Kimberley, B.C., won the gold medal in the women's downhill race at the World Alpine Ski Championships in Austria—Canada's first gold medal since Nancy Greene won it in 1968.

Fellow Canadians Laurie Graham and Dianne Lehodey finished third and fifth respectively, giving Canada a total of three of the top five placings.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member who represents Gerry's home riding, the hon. member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker):

That this House congratulate Ms. Sorensen and other members of our national women's downhill ski team for their outstanding performance in this world championship race, and extend our best wishes to our national men's downhill team for equal success in their championship race next Saturday.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Members want to show their appreciation with their applause. Thank you, very much.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS

ACTION AGAINST OIL COMPANIES FOR ALLEGED PRICE FIXING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, in view of an announcement at this hour in Montreal that the Automobile Protection Association is launching, on behalf of all motorists in the province of Quebec, a \$3 billion class action suit against the major oil companies for alleged price fixing, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):