

NATIONAL FILM BOARD

CAPTIONING CENTRE FOR TELEVISION PROGRAMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ron Stewart (Simcoe South): I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, Madam Speaker, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

I would move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That the government grant approval to the proposal of the Department of National Health and Welfare to set up a captioning centre for Canadian television programs under the National Film Board so that the centre could be in operation by 1981, in time for the International Year of the Disabled People.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

POSSIBLE TWINNING OF EASTERN AND WESTERN MEMBERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise to move a motion.

In view of the fact that it appears to be official government policy to speak of double-tracking, double-talking, double-crossing and, now, twinning eastern members of Parliament with Alberta MPs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert):

That this House form a special select committee to study all aspects of pairing, twinning, cloning, bundling, mating and wooing, and that the committee be named the Grit government retreads in training.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDUSTRY

CHRYSLER CANADA—CONDITIONS OF LOAN AGREEMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move that: whereas Chrysler in the United States has provided purchase rebates for consumers, and whereas Chrysler in Canada is not providing the same benefit for Canadians, and they are currently using secret warranties in this country and have one of

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the poorest records of consumer service, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That the conditions of agreeing to the loan to Chrysler must provide the same conditions of warranty, recall and repair as they provide to U.S. consumers.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POST OFFICE

LIKELIHOOD OF DISRUPTION IN MAIL SERVICE

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General, who we thought would be in the House. In his absence, perhaps I could put it to the Minister of Labour, who I gather is a party in the conversations.

Now that the conciliation board report is public and CUPW has indicated that it regards that report as a basis for avoiding a strike, can the minister and the government assure the House that we can expect no mail disruption this spring?

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of Labour): Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his question. I wish, indeed, that it were possible in the case of unresolved labour disputes to always give an absolute assurance that there would be no disruption. Unfortunately, that cannot be done until negotiations are completed and an agreement achieved.

I can say that the Postmaster General has indicated that he is optimistic about the possibility of a settlement, and that he is hoping to meet, along with certain officials, representatives of the union this afternoon for discussions arising out of the conciliation board report. It is expected that the Postmaster General will be in the House tomorrow and in a position to answer queries in relation to today's meeting to the extent that it is possible to comment without endangering the ongoing negotiations.

Mr. Bosley: Madam Speaker, arising out of that answer, since the minister was present at the conversations yesterday, perhaps he could advise what position the government is taking in today's meeting, specifically since there has been at least a publicly reported suggestion that the Minister of Labour is contemplating back-to-work legislation. Can the minister advise whether the government has decided to accept the conciliation board report or to fight it?

Mr. Regan: In relation to the supplementary question. Madam Speaker, I think that, consistent with the best prac-