

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 6, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INDUSTRY

NORTHERN PIPELINE—ALLEGATION LEGISLATION DOES NOT ADEQUATELY GUARANTEE CANADIAN CONTENT FOR PIPE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The government's proposed legislation to implement its pipeline agreement with the United States is seriously deficient in a number of respects. There is no guarantee that Canadian manpower or materials will receive preferential treatment in the construction of a pipeline in Canadian territory. There is a serious erosion of legal authority in that there would be only a very limited right of appeal from decisions of the proposed pipeline agency. In view of these and other very serious matters and deficiencies in the bill, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

That this House condemns the government for not including in the bill adequate guarantees for Canadian content, particularly full utilization of the Canadian labour force and the supply of the majority of materials from Canadian sources on the Canadian sections of the pipeline, and that this House condemns the government for denying the rights of Canadian citizens to full access to the courts, which constitutes a denial of rights which have existed from time immemorial under our British system of justice.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, such a motion can be presented for discussion only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

KITIMAT PIPELINE—REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BE DEFERRED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I desire to raise a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Last fall the public hearings being conducted by the west coast oil ports

inquiry headed by Dr. Andrew Thompson were cancelled due to the request of Kitimat Pipeline Ltd. that its application before the National Energy Board be held in abeyance. The result has been that many communities in British Columbia have been denied an opportunity to present their views to the inquiry. Kitimat Pipeline Ltd. has now reactivated its application to construct the pipeline from Kitimat to Edmonton, and the people affected have a right to be heard.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt):

That this House urges the government to reactivate immediately the Thompson inquiry and provide facilities and funding for public interest groups to present their opinions, and that the National Energy Board be instructed to delay any consideration of the Kitimat application until the Thompson inquiry has submitted its report to the government.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate can be made, pursuant to the Standing Order, only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDUSTRY

DECISION OF ANTI-DUMPING TRIBUNAL ON STEEL BEAMS—PROPOSAL NEWFOUNDLAND AND B.C. BE EXEMPTED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Madame Ritchie of the anti-dumping tribunal, in the matter of the dumping of wide-flange steel shapes in Canada and alleged injury to Algoma Steel, found on December 29 that the evidence justified special consideration for British Columbia and Newfoundland, where Algoma did not sell or compete, but that an exemption for Newfoundland and B.C. had to be left to the governor in council, in view of the fact that any increase of duty will raise construction costs in Newfoundland without helping Algoma Steel, which does not sell in Newfoundland, and in view of the submission of the Newfoundland government to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) that the tribunal's decision will jeopardize local steel fabricators and 300 jobs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the governor in council alter the majority decision of the Anti-Dumping Tribunal by exempting Newfoundland as well as B.C. as separate regional markets from the dumping duties on wide-flange steel shapes.