

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 9, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ENERGY

OIL PRICING AGREEMENT—NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PROVINCE OF ALBERTA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the fact that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) will meet tomorrow with his Alberta counterpart to try to end the oil pricing impasse, and given that this impasse has crippled the Canadian oil exploration industry and shipped millions of dollars to foreign producers, leaving us ever more dependent on fragile sources of supply, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources bargain in good faith and avoid the temptation to make political points, and thereby bring sanity to the Canadian oil picture.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

RETROACTIVITY OF PAY INCREASES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, whereas the Treasury Board has made the pay increases for members of the RCMP retroactive to April 1, 1981, rather than to the promised January 1, recognizing this breach of faith by the federal government and recognizing the outstanding service members of the RCMP offer to the Canadian community, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger):

That this House direct the Treasury Board to live up to its commitment to the members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by extending the retroactivity of their pay increases to January 1, 1981.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

THREATENED DESECRATION OF BAHAI SHRINE IN IRAN—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Kempling (Burlington): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to move a motion. In light of the brutal disregard for human rights displayed by the Iranian government against the Baha'i faith in Iran, and in view of the announced intention of the government of Iran to destroy all traces of the holiest Baha'i shrine and to desecrate its site, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That this House deplores the decision to desecrate the sacred shrine which three million Baha'i around the world consider the birthplace and the symbol of their faith, and that should the government of Iran continue its persecution, we urge that the United Nations Commission on Human Rights take up once again its investigation of Iranian policy toward the Baha'i community in Iran.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, now that the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan) is here, maybe we can obtain the agreement of hon. members opposite under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In July, 1980, members of the RCMP were promised that pay increases would begin on January 1, 1981, as they do in other Canadian police forces. Because the RCMP has no union to fight for decent wages and working conditions, last week the Treasury Board was able to double-cross and chisel the force, and announced a pay increase retroactive to April 1, rather than January 1, 1981. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. Rose):