

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 12, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PRIME MINISTER OHIRA

CONDOLENCES ON DEATH OF JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, concerning the sudden death yesterday of Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira. Mr. Ohira was recognized by his colleagues around the world for his sage advice and considered counsel.

We in this House were honoured to have Mr. Ohira speak to us only last month. His closing words to this Parliament are a fitting tribute to his ideals, and I quote his words:

The rich life that we strive for is a life that rewards us with deeper satisfactions. We strive to create a world where our children and grandchildren can feel proud to be born into.

We in this House, Madam Speaker, are indeed proud to have known Mr. Ohira. Therefore I move, seconded by the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau):

That this House convey to the government of Japan, and the family of Prime Minister Ohira, its condolence over the death of our friend, Masayoshi Ohira.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Madam Speaker, I wish to associate the members of our party with the sentiments of this motion.

Motion agreed to.

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### CANADA COUNCIL

CRITICISM OF WORKS OF ART PURCHASED FOR DISPLAY IN  
OTTAWA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville):** Madam Speaker, I rise with reference to action by the Canada Council in purchasing, at a cost of \$100,000, so-called works of art constructed of twisted aluminum and steel, five of which have just been

erected in Rockcliffe Park, with six more to follow by July 5, resembling what could be termed a hideous scene from the morning after the night before, including, for example, two objects of twisted bands of green and blue steel by Robert Murray, for \$31,000.

Having viewed these incredible, insipid examples of so-called Canadian art, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the government immediately require the Canada Council to account for this nonsensical, wanton, wasteful expenditure of public funds. Further, that the Canada Council be instructed to desist from such unnecessary, extravagant expenditures in the future; and, finally, this House condemns the constantly continued spending splurges from the public purse by this government's unrestrained and uncontrolled spending policies.

**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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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM—CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED  
STATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Madam Speaker, having regard to the fact that the former Liberal minister of the environment and the former member for Kootenay West are both on record in this House as expressing their disapproval of the Kootenay River diversion project in British Columbia, and recognized that the American Libby Dam project might ultimately be responsible for a serious reduction in nutrients, adversely affecting the fishery in Kootenay Lake, and in view of the fact that the just released report on the water quality of Kootenay Lake, sponsored by Environment Canada, has confirmed that this is indeed the case, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan-Similkameen (Mr. King):

That the Minister of the Environment and the Minister of External Affairs initiate immediate discussions with officials in the United States to develop a more co-operative water management system or, failing this, that the minister refer this matter to the International Joint Commission on the basis that decisions made in the United States have adversely affected the Canadian environment, specifically, the Kootenay River system.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.