

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, December 8, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

MOTIONS UNDER S.O. 43

[English]

NATIONAL PARKS

BANFF LAND EXCHANGE—DEMAND FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, the hypocrisy of this Liberal Government knows no bounds. Here is one example. The Government published a booklet entitled "Guide to the Federal Environmental Assessment and Review Process" and confirmed it by legislation in the Government Organization Act in which it is stated the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Roberts) "shall initiate, recommend and undertake programs . . . to ensure that new federal projects . . . are assessed early in the planning". This assessment includes up to three sequential review stages, the final one being the Federal Environment Assessment Review Office, (FEARO). Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? It would be if the Minister of the Environment followed it, which he did not do in the Banff case. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That this House abhors this hypocrisy and demands an investigation into the desecration of the park in Banff.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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SMALL BUSINESS

DEVELOPMENT BOND PROGRAM—ROLE OF BANKS

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, Small Business Development Bonds are no longer available to the small businesses requiring subsidized interest rates in the Peterborough area, and I am sure this is the case in a lot of areas across Canada. Business bankruptcies in the first nine months of 1982 were 43 per cent higher than in the first nine months of 1981, and 66 per cent higher than in the first nine months of 1980. I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn):

That the Government immediately instruct the banks to make Small Business Development Bonds available to hard-pressed businesses which are unable to pay the high interest rates now being offered by the banks.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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TRIBUTE TO FORMER OLYMPIC COMPETITORS

THE LATE HARRY JEROME AND THE LATE REGINALD DIXON

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, Canadians today were saddened to hear the news of the deaths of two more Canadians who did much to promote amateur sport in our country.

Harry Jerome died a young man. He shared the world's record for the 100-metre sprint from 1960 to 1968, and set a world record for the 100-yard dash in 1966.

Reginald Dixon sailed for Canada in two Olympics. At the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles he won three of eleven races, more than any other competitor. I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That this House recognize the contributions made by Harry Jerome and Reginald Dixon, two outstanding sportsmen, by sending the condolences of this House to their respective families.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for 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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POLITICAL PARTIES

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY POSITION ON CROWSNEST PASS FREIGHT RATES

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Madam Speaker, the Gilson Report recommendations on grain handling will dramatically raise costs to farmers and accelerate branch line abandonment, resulting in huge losses to farmers and their