

Montreal Break-In

That this House recognize the desirability that Bill C-30, an act respecting certain holidays, complete all stages in both Houses of parliament during the course of next week so that all Canadians can celebrate with pride and joy our country's July 1 birthday as Canada Day.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. With regard to the message of congratulations or felicitation which was just proposed, this is a motion which relates to some legislative measure. On many occasions in the past, the attempts to use Standing Order 43 to congratulate or express good wishes to a particular group have been resisted by me, because it is not dangerous to encourage such motions or such messages but it is dangerous to encourage the use of Standing Order 43 for the expression of such messages. Therefore, frequently in the past I have failed to put those questions, whether they be in the form of congratulations to one particular community, one particular group in the country, a large group, an entire province or a very important segment of the population. I simply do not think we should follow the practice of making, by way of a motion under Standing Order 43, expressions of some sort of salutation. I do not think that is an urgent matter of pressing necessity as contained in the rules. In this instance the message goes on beyond that and it deals with legislative measures. Therefore, I will indicate that it can only be presented to the House with unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

● (1410)

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO BREAK-IN AT L'AGENCE DE PRESSE LIBRE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. My motion is prompted by the statement last night by the Minister of Supply and Services that he thinks there is a possibility that the Quebec inquiry by the Parti Quebecois government into the circumstances surrounding the break-in at L'Agence de Presse Libre might turn into a political endeavour. This statement appears to contrast with the Prime Minister's assurance to the House that the government of Quebec "would make very sure. . . that the facts are brought to light". In view of the obvious concern of the Minister of Supply and Services about which particular facts are brought to light, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton (Mr. Dick):

That this House supports the establishment of a federal independent judicial inquiry into the APLQ affair and further directs that there be full government co-operation with the inquiry and, in addition, insists that the Minister of Supply and Services appear before the inquiry.

Mr. Speaker: The motion can be presented to the House only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

[Mr. Herbert.]

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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DOMINION DAY

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE CELEBRATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, I raise my question under Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity. Considering the extreme haste with which preparations for the Dominion Day party must proceed because of the last minute decision to hold one at all, and because of the great expense of advertising necessary to resuscitate an event that only last year was allowed to lapse, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock (Mr. Friesen):

That this House go on record as favouring an annual celebration on July 1, but that at least 50 per cent of the total annual budget allotted the event in future be distributed to those communities across the country which are also celebrating the event, and that the percentage of the budget to be allotted to television advertising be not more than half of one per cent.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation pursuant to Standing Order 43 of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Oral question period.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Diefenbaker: I have a motion under Standing Order 43—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The right hon. member for Prince Albert rises to indicate that it was his intention to present a motion pursuant to Standing Order 43. I learned that only at the conclusion of the motion proposed by the hon. member for Okanagan-Kootenay at which time it was 2.15. Our Standing Orders clearly indicate that at 2.15 p.m., regardless of outstanding applications under Standing Order 43, the question period shall commence. I have no choice.

Mr. Diefenbaker: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will hear the right hon. member at three o'clock.