

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, December 17, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

MOTIONS UNDER S.O. 43

[English]

DISASTERS

BREACHING OF DYKES IN DELTA, B.C.

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, in view of the widespread and costly damage to agricultural crops and private property at Westham Island and East Delta, British Columbia, which has occurred in the past 48 hours due to a series of breaches to the Delta dykes, due to high winds and tides more than two feet above normal, and whereas the federal Government has consistently failed to meet its obligations to upgrade these dykes, in spite of repeated warnings of flood danger, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson):

That the federal Government now recognize the seriously deteriorated state of certain dykes in Delta, British Columbia, by undertaking to meet its obligations to help the farmers in that particular area.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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AIR CANADA

SUGGESTED EXAMINATION OF MANAGEMENT AND EARLY RETIREMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, Air Canada is apparently so overstaffed in its executive suites that it is making sweetheart, voluntary separation arrangements with 500 of its management personnel at a cost to the company of at least \$21 million, together with untold costs to its presently unfunded pension plan. At the same time those people in the machinists' union who do aircraft maintenance and repair are being laid off and dumped on the unemployment lines. I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid):

That this House direct the Government to appoint immediately a special committee of this House, first, to examine the management of Air Canada to find out why Air Canada has 500 surplus management people in the first place, second, to determine the extent to which the sweetheart deals with its boardroom

types affect the quality of Air Canada pensions and the company's profitability and, third, to determine why Air Canada is not prepared to make realistic early retirement arrangements for all its work force, particularly its machinists.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

CALL FOR REGISTRATION OF MICMAC INDIANS AT CONNE RIVER, NFLD.

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Madam Speaker, officials of the Department of Indian Affairs have admitted that the Micmac Indians of Conne River are eligible to be registered as Indians under the Indian Act. The Minister admits that only political considerations have prevented him from registering them so that they could receive direct funding from the federal Government. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker):

That this House instruct the Minister that his top political priority should be to do justice to the Indian people and to proceed immediately with the registration of the Conne River Indians.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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FISHERIES

NEGOTIATORS OF CANADA—EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY TREATY

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané) stated in St. John's, in *The Daily News* of December 7, that "Canada has been burned in the fisheries treaty with the European Economic Community and may break the contract to get out of it", that Canadian officials were under the impression that the tariff reductions negotiated in return for allotting EEC member countries the right to take 15,000 tonnes of fish from Canadian waters would be applied in Great Britain, where Canada