

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, October 31, 1980

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

COMMUNICATIONS

NORTHWEST TELEPHONE—CALL TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OF LICENCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Madam Speaker, a company called Northwest Telephone operates as a subsidiary of CN Telecommunications. It is supplying telephone service for a large area of northeastern British Columbia adjacent to the Alaska highway. The company is charging individual Canadians a \$680 fee for a simple hook-up and is not in a position even to provide such service. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson):

That for reasons of total neglect and failure to provide even the most basic service dictated by the licence under which Northwest Telephone operates in northeastern British Columbia, the company be given six months from this day to implement a service which not only fulfils the requirement of the licence but is consistent with the company's widely advertised policy whereby their service to the public is not only a business but a responsibility; and that failing the company's compliance with this requirement, the licence will be revoked.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL UNITY

SPECULATION ON BREAK-UP OF CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, given the fact that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) speculated the other evening in Regina that if Canada broke up under the strain of his budget and constitutional proposals, perhaps Canada deserved to die, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That this House urge the Prime Minister to put the shoe on the other foot and pass into that great MURB in the sky himself, thereby performing his greatest service ever to Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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IMMIGRATION

DELAY IN PROCESSING CARIBBEAN APPLICANTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, in light of many reports of embarrassing delays and inefficiencies in the Caribbean immigration office in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, resulting in costly resubmissions of medical documents, since these complaints have increased dramatically since the government unilaterally introduced its foreign service consolidation program, and in light of the particular case of Mr. Seergobin of Waterloo who has waited one year and six months to have his wife join him from Guyana despite a guarantee by the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) that she would join him by September, 1980, at the latest, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman):

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs report to this House regarding the inexcusable failure to deliver service in the Caribbean office.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

EFFECT OF INCREASED TAXES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise to propose a motion of urgent importance under the provisions of Standing Order 43. On this Hallowe'en day and in view of this government's trick or treat budget which brings many tricks and no treats to all the people of Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Miss Carney):

That the government be directed to stop deceiving Canadians with charlatan trickery and to admit that the proposed natural gas tax is not only a tax on natural gas exports but is also a direct and discriminatory tax on every natural gas consumer in the four western provinces and Ontario; and to admit also that