

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 4, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BALTIC EVENING ON PARLIAMENT HILL

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I move, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for York East (Mr. Collenette):

That this House, in recognition of the contribution to Canada of Canadians of Latvian, Lithuanian and Estonian descent, welcomes their honorary consuls and representatives of their respective communities to the ninth annual Baltic evening on Parliament Hill.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: I take it the House wants to express sentiments toward this community, but I do not think this is a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

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VISIT OF UNITED STATES PRESIDENT REAGAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on an important matter.

Every member in this House is pleased that the President of the United States of America is visiting Canada next week and will be addressing jointly members of this House and the Senate on March 11. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That this House, through the unanimous passage of this motion, welcome President Reagan and wish him and his government well, and furthermore encourage him to meet with world leaders, particularly President Brezhnev, in the very near future to initiate negotiations for arresting aggression wherever it occurs in the world; to renew détente and establish a rationale for limiting the world's arms race and to reaffirm world peace and fundamental human rights as the first priority of international relations.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

COMBINES

PRICING PRACTICES OF OIL COMPANIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of some urgency under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the fact that after eight years of investigation the government plans to hold a public inquiry into alleged price fixing by major oil companies, the timing of which so conveniently and so transparently shifts public focus and blame away from the government over its oil price levy earlier this week, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence):

That the government be condemned for not instructing that appropriate charges be laid against any oil companies found to have contravened any existing laws of Canada and that the minister make a statement on motions as to why prosecutions have not been instituted.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ASTRA TRUST

CALL FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Rae (Broadview-Greenwood): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas eight people were charged yesterday with conspiracy to defraud the public of \$35 million in the collapse of Astra Trust and associated companies; and whereas the collapse of Astra was the first collapse of a federally-chartered financial institution since the depression; and whereas the justice committee of the Ontario legislature has determined that officials of Astra used political influence to gain their federal charter, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans):

That the federal government set up a public inquiry to determine why Astra received a federal charter, how it operated, why it collapsed, who was responsible, what compensation should be paid to its victims, and ways of ensuring such a collapse is not repeated.