

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, January 15, 1973

The House met at 11 a.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### AIRPORTS

#### VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—PROPOSED NEW RUNWAY—ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the unanimous consent of the House to move the following motion, under Standing Order 43, of urgent and pressing necessity, namely, the failure, as yet, of the government to make public any environmental impact study for consideration at the expropriation hearings commencing Wednesday, January 17, 1973, relating to the proposed new runway at the Vancouver International Airport. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser East (Mr. Patterson):

That this House direct the Ministry of Transport to immediately file with the hearing officer any and all environmental impact studies relating to the effects of the proposed new runway at Vancouver International Airport and to make the same available to the objectors who are appearing at the said hearing commencing Wednesday, January 17, 1973.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. members have heard the motion presented to the House. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 it requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### EFFECT OF COURT JUDGMENT ON RIGHT OF PROVINCES TO LEGISLATE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I seek leave to move a motion in view of a decision of a county court judge in Ontario which challenges the right of a provincial government to legislate aspects of environmental control. I propose to move, with the unanimous consent of the House, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That this house requests the Attorney General of Canada to make a formal reference on this matter to the Supreme Court of Canada under the appropriate provision of the Supreme Court Act.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Fundy-Royal. It requires the unanimous consent of the House under the terms of Standing Order 43.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is not unanimous consent.

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## BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

### PROCEDURE RESPECTING INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC BILLS ON ORDER PAPER

**Mr. Speaker:** May I refer to the practice which has arisen in recent years with regard to the introduction and first reading of public bills. On today's order paper there are listed some 120 bills for introduction by private members. It was not practical or possible for the Chair to review the provisions of each of those bills. May I therefore suggest to the House that we adopt the procedure which was agreed upon in recent sessions, namely, that we proceed to the introduction and first reading of those bills so that each may be scrutinized between now and its being called for second reading in order to allow the Chair to consider whether there is any defect in the bills in respect of the practices and usages of the House.

I suggest that by unanimous consent all the public bills listed in the names of private members for introduction on today's order paper be deemed to have been introduced, given first reading and ordered to be printed, and to stand for second reading at the next sitting of the House, subject of course to a subsequent examination as to the regularity of each bill. Is the procedure to which I have referred agreed to by the House?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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## PUBLIC BILLS

### FIRST READINGS

Bill C-5, to amend the Pension Benefits Standards Act (Information to Employees)—Mr. Rose.

Bill C-6, to amend the National Housing Act (municipal water and soil pollution projects)—Mr. Alexander.