

S.O. 43

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

BELGRADE REVIEW CONFERENCE—FINAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Belgrade Review Conference is now drawing to a conclusion with little progress having been made on the question of human rights, and that a final communiqué which makes no reference to the increasing violations of human rights would be a mockery of the terms of the Helsinki Final Act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Egmont (Mr. MacDonald):

That this House urges the government of Canada to maintain a strict refusal to endorse any final communiqué which makes no reference to human rights.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT SPENDING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In a document entitled "A Legacy of Spending", compiled by Edward Murphy of CJOR radio, Vancouver, on mismanagement and waste within the federal government over the past ten years, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) is quoted as saying in 1969: "We would be on the way to financial disaster—"

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. If the hon. member would get to the urgency of the matter immediately, it would be appreciated.

Mr. McKenzie: In 1969, the Prime Minister said: "We would be on the way to financial disaster—"

Some hon. Members: Order.

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The provisions of Standing Order 43 require that the matter be of urgent and pressing necessity and that an hon. member be given only the opportunity to develop its urgent and pressing necessity. If the hon. member would confine himself to that, it would be appreciated.

Mr. McKenzie: Then I will move my motion. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage (Mr. Masniuk):

That this House direct the Prime Minister and the hon. member for Vancouver East to appear before the public accounts committee to explain the 230 per cent increase in government spending since the Prime Minister's statement on restraint in 1969.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

MERCURY CONTAMINATION OF RIVER SYSTEM—REQUESTED CLOSURE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the statement by the Minister of National Health and Welfare to the Canadian Press that she is ready to close the mercury contaminated English-Wabigoon River system, and in view of the fact that the native people of the area called on the federal government to close the river system years ago in order to protect the health of the people in the area, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northwest Territories (Mr. Firth):

That this House demand that the minister close the said river system forthwith and provide adequate compensation for those whose livelihood would be affected by such closure.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.