

Proposed Flooding of Skagit River Valley

punishment for the ultimate mockery of murder. The rule of law is mocked when it is suspended by a government sworn to uphold it. Mr. Speaker, when the rule of law is both weakened and, so weakened, suspended, then indeed must a government act to strengthen and restore the rule of law or else adopt that mockery as its own.

With the unanimous consent of the House I therefore move:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should immediately introduce a measure to amend the Criminal Code to restore the death penalty for the act of murder and to provide the death penalty for any person who, by an act of terrorism based upon the threatened sacrifice of human life, other than his own, intends thereby to force a government or a person who is charged with the safety of human life to conform to his purpose.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Battle River. Standing Order 43 requires that there be unanimous consent before the motion can be put to the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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PROPOSED FLOODING OF SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the House to move a motion under Standing Order 43. In the brief explanation I am permitted to make may I say that members of all parties in the House are concerned about the proposed flooding of the Skagit River Valley in British Columbia.

An hon. Member: Where is it?

Mr. Rose: It is because we are agreed that we should give our immediate attention to this problem that I believe there will be unanimous consent to the matter being considered by one of our standing committees. I therefore move:

That the whole question of the flooding of the Skagit River Valley in British Columbia be referred to the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence for consideration and report.

Although my colleague the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Harding) is ready to second my motion, I am certain he would be pleased to give way to any other member from British Columbia.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West. It also requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Downey.]

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

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CONSTITUTION OF CANADA**MOTION TO APPOINT SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE**

On the order:

Government Notices of Motions—The President of the Privy Council:

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to examine and report upon proposals, made public, or which are from time to time made public by the Government of Canada, on a number of subjects related to the Constitution of Canada during the course of the comprehensive review of the Constitution of Canada, which review was agreed upon at the Constitutional Conference of the Prime Minister of Canada and the Premiers and Prime Ministers of the provinces in February, 1968, and alternative proposals on the same subjects;

That the committee have power to appoint, from among its members, such subcommittees as it may deem advisable or necessary;

That the committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the committee have power to report from time to time, to send for persons, papers, and records and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the committee;

That the committee have power to adjourn from place to place within Canada;

That the quorum of the committee be 17 members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented and that the Joint Chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, when 7 members are present so long as both Houses are represented;

That the Committee be empowered to retain the services of three specialists to assist it in its work; and that it also be empowered to retain the clerical and stenographic help deemed advisable by the Joint Chairmen;

That papers and evidence received and taken on the subject in the preceding session be referred to the committee and made part of the records thereof;

That the following members be appointed to act on behalf of the House of Commons on the Special Joint Committee, namely: Messrs. Alexander, Allmand, Asselin, Breau, Brewin, Dinsdale, Fairweather, Fortin, Gibson, Hogarth, Hopkins, Lachance, MacGuigan, Marceau, McQuaid, Osler, Ouellet, Roberts, Rowland and Woolliams; and

That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours thereof.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21 this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under Government Orders at the next sitting of the House.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**NATIONAL SECURITY**

INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF EMERGENCY POLICE POWERS—APPROVAL OF HOUSE OF COMMONS

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Prime Minister whether,