

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 13, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

CRASH OF AIRCRAFT AT CRANBROOK, B.C.—EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO FAMILIES OF VICTIMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of sad but pressing necessity. In light of the terrible tragedy of the crash of a PWA 737 at Cranbrook, British Columbia, on Saturday, February 11, resulting in the death of 41 passengers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan-Kootenay (Mr. Johnston):

That this House expresses its deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the victims and its encouragement to the survivors.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, can be presented to the House only if there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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ANTI-DUMPING TRIBUNAL

PROTEST AGAINST APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the discrimination being practised by the federal government in appointing a male chairman of the federal government's Anti-Dumping Tribunal, a decision just learned about on the weekend, passing over Margaret Ritchie, a highly qualified person who has been the tribunal's vice chairman for five years, I move,

seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House urges the government to rescind its recent decision in this matter, reverse its discriminatory practices and appoint Margaret Ritchie as chairman of the Anti-Dumping Tribunal.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AIR TRANSPORT

CRASH OF AIRCRAFT AT CRANBROOK, B.C.—REQUEST INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER INQUIRE INTO CAUSE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, arising out of the tragic air disaster which occurred at Cranbrook, B.C., last Saturday. Inasmuch as the Ministry of Transport will once again be investigating an incident involving loss of life which occurred within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transport itself, in order to remove or preclude any possible perception of conflict of interest in the investigation of this tragedy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall):

That the Minister of Transport forthwith name an independent commissioner of inquiry from a senior court with competent jurisdiction, together with the necessary support staff, for the purpose of conducting an impartial examination of all the facts related to this disaster.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION ON TERRORISTS TRAINED ABROAD—FUNDING THEREOF—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under Standing Order 43, with regard to confirmation made on a national television network last night on facts I raised in this House in