

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, December 16, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL PARKS

REQUEST THAT EXPANSION OF ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS PARK
BE DELAYED PENDING CONSULTATION WITH AREA
RESIDENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity resulting from the sincere and welcome statement made by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Buchanan) to a delegation from my constituency last week representing some hundreds of constituents who oppose the present plan of the government to expand, at a cost of \$30 million, the St. Lawrence Islands National Park by acquisition of additional land, and particularly arising from the minister's public statement after the meeting in which he guaranteed those present that his department and the government would not attempt to negotiate the purchase of any additional land in the area before consultation with people in the area took place.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the Minister of Supply and Services immediately advise the House whether his department has been approaching certain property owners in the area of the St. Lawrence Islands National Park offering on behalf of the government of Canada to purchase their land and, as a specific example, why a William Fraser and a Robert Fraser, claiming to represent the Department of Supply and Services, recently approached the owners of island number 52 offering to purchase it on behalf of the government of Canada, in direct violation of the orders issued by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development whose department is responsible for Parks Canada; and further, that the House requests the Minister of Supply and Services to forthwith order his staff to desist from such practices if such are in progress.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

TRANSPORT

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF MERCHANT MARINE—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous

consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Considering that Canada is rated among the most important importing-exporting countries of the world; considering that the volume of Canada's exports of grain, oil, minerals, lumber and other commodities is constantly increasing; considering that our economy would benefit from it and that it has been hardly mentioned in the last Speech from the Throne, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the government take immediate steps to ensure that Canada will give itself a merchant marine as soon as possible.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

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[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

REQUEST THAT SAFETY BE CRITERION IN CHANGING AIR
TRAFFIC CONTROL REGULATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a motion of interest to the Minister of Transport, and I do so as an active flying crew member of some 34 years. The matter I consider to be of urgent and pressing importance, one which I hope will meet with unanimous consent, is this. In light of the fear and uncertainty left by the minister yesterday in his statement, as recorded at page 9997 of *Hansard*, that the criterion with respect to air regulations and procedure is not that of safety, and since the matter concerns bilingual air traffic regulations in one of the provinces of Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That this House, and the government by giving unanimous consent to this motion, reaffirms the invariable and long standing practice of the government, and in particular the Department of Transport, in the bringing about of any changes or alterations or additions in regulations and procedures respecting the control of air traffic in Canadian air space be based on the sole and exclusive criterion of safety of the hundreds of thousands of air travellers and all air traffic using Canadian air space throughout Canada, including the province of Quebec.