S.O. 43

AIRPORTS

CLOSING OF CERTAIN AIRPORT TOWERS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6
A.M.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity regarding the closure of certain airport towers, commencing January 1, from midnight to six o'clock a.m. This will pose serious safety questions which have not been adequately addressed by the Minister of Transport.

In view of the Cranbrook tragedy—an airport without tower service—and in light of increasing night air cargo flights and Nighthawk flights by our principal airlines, requiring full navigational aids and tower services, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the Minister of Transport cancel immediately this directive and issue another directive ordering a full review of the implications to air safety implicit in these measures.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

PUBLIC SERVICE

CIVIL AVIATION INSPECTORS WITHOUT CONTRACT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ron Huntington (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the Canadian civil aviation inspectors have been without a contract since 1975, their income levels are now below military pilots, air traffic controllers and their equivalents in other countries, and in view of the fact that this highly skilled and important professional group is breaking up, as evidenced by the fact that they are now 15 per cent or more below strength, which has led to only 335 of more than 1,500 air regulation infractions in 1978 being processed, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Minister of Transport, the President of the Treasury Board and the Minister of Labour take an immediate interest in this deteriorating situation, and that they resolve immediately the unjust remunerative levels of this important professional group of civil servants so that Canadian aviation practices be returned to their former prestigious and safe standard.

Mr. Speaker: The introduction of such a motion for debate requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

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TELEVISION

UNITED STATES OPPOSITION TO PROVISIONS OF BILL C-58— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fleming (York West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, according to Standing Order 43.

Considering that certain United States border television stations and several vocal and self-serving of our political counterparts in the United States continue to press for retaliatory action against the effects of Bill C-58 passed by this parliament, and considering that that legislation has produced an additional \$9 million in much needed revenue to improve Canadian programming for Canadians, yet these several U.S. congressmen and broadcasters propose punitive retaliation of at least ten times the amount that is rightly being returned to Canadians, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peel-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Milne):

That this House reaffirms our commitment to Bill C-58 and urges the responsible majority of our congressional counterparts to discourage the noisy few from using field artillery to rabbit-hunt in their best friend's backyard.

Mr. Speaker: Introduction of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon, Members: No.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

CALL FOR PRORATA PENSIONS FOR WIDOWS OF DISABLED VETERANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters), I move:

That this House calls on the Minister of Veterans Affairs to announce before Christmas that early in 1979 he will introduce legislation to provide prorata pensions for widows of veterans in those cases where the veteran's disability pension was below 48 per cent, thus correcting an unfairness that has existed far too long.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate at this time would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.