

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, April 17, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIR CANADA

PROPOSED INVESTIGATION OF RELATIONSHIP WITH
MCGREGOR TRAVEL AGENCY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43, involving what appears to be a rather unusual procedure by the management of Air Canada. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That the Minister of Transport cause an investigation pursuant to the Inquiries Act into the legitimacy and propriety of arrangements between Air Canada through Mr. Menard its former vice-president for marketing and Mr. R. Y. McGregor of McGregor travel agency of Montreal wherein Mr. McGregor in return for, among other things, "influencing governments and trade in the Middle East and Latin America," was paid \$100,000 in advance on November 29, 1974 by three separate authorizations for expenditures dated the previous day and that the minister request the proper officials of IATA investigate the relationships generally between Air Canada and travel agencies.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion being proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AUDITOR GENERAL

SUGGESTED DEBATE ON AMENDMENT OF STATUTE—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Léonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to discuss a matter of great importance and urgency.

Because of the very important role of the Auditor General of Canada, entrusted as he is with the heavy task of scrutinizing government expenditures which must be performed with the widest possible latitude to ensure the efficiency of his work and inspire public confidence, and also because of the serious recommendations recently made by Mr. J. R. Wilson's committee in this regard, which bring to the fore the debates of 1970 and 1971 to which the

government did not respond seriously, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin):

That this House now discuss the status of the Auditor General, the need to broaden his mandate and powers, the need to amend the act in order to authorize auditors to scrutinize the expenditures of government corporations as well as those of the departments, and also the need for facilities to be made available to him both from the technical and personnel points of view.

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

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED CONDEMNATION OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN
VIET NAM AND CAMBODIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise to seek permission to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that Cambodia has fallen into Communist hands and South Vietnam's very existence is being threatened by Communist aggression and because of the fact that this government has in the past officially condemned acts of aggression in other parts of the world, and therefore, with no statements on recent tragic Communist offensive aggressions in Southeast Asia it could be assumed that this government is in fact approving this inhumane takeover of democratic governments, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams):

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs be instructed to condemn the tragic and inhumane attacks on both the Cambodian and South Vietnamese governments as well as the helpless populace in order to demonstrate this country's opposition not only to war crimes but to the cancerous spread of Communism into vulnerable democratic and previously peaceful states.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion proposed under the provisions of Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Oral questions.