HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 25, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

CONDEMNATION OF NAVAL EQUIPMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Recently the Royal Canadian Naval Association held a convention at which the considered opinion of the delegates was that the equipment of the Canadian navy was nothing more than a joke. In view of this opinion, expressed by the 1,500 delegates to the convention, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That this House congratulate the Royal Canadian Naval Association for its forthright assessment of the Canadian navy, and further urge the Prime Minister to pay as much attention to the Canadian navy's need for ships as he does to his own need for ego tripping on the world stage.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BILL TO ESTABLISH CANAGREX CROWN CORPORATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Bill C-85 will establish a Crown corporation called Canagrex, and the present bill gives this corporation such broad powers that it could, subtly, take over all export business and monopolize same to the detriment of producers and the private sector that is doing a good job and which is capable of expanding to do anything necessary; therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That this House requests the Minister of Agriculture to withdraw the bill or alternatively to delete the clauses proposed in Section 14 and elsewhere in the bill which provide the opportunity for this corporation to become a complete monopoly in the export business. Canada is a free enterprise country and free enterprise can do the job better than any Crown corporation.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

CALL FOR CERTAIN LIBERAL MEMBERS TO JOIN NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Four months ago the first signs of the dissolution of the Liberal Party surfaced when ten Liberal MPs wrote an open letter to the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) urging him to adopt new job-creation measures. Then another 15 MPs in a caucus economic development committee sharply criticized the government's economic policy. Now *La Presse* has revealed that the following Liberals have broken ranks: the hon. members for Sudbury (Mr. Frith), Gloucester (Mr. Breau), Laval (Mr. Roy), Thunder Bay-Atikokan (Mr. McRae), Sherbrooke (Mr. Pelletier), and York South-Weston (Mrs. Appolloni). Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly):

That this House call on the above-named Liberal MPs to stand by their convictions and criticisms by joining the New Democratic Party in terminating the government's budget legislation and thereby terminating the government itself.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION—SUGGESTED ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order