

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 23, 1978

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1107)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### HUMAN RIGHTS

EXPRESSION OF CONCERN FOR TREATMENT OF TWO U.S.S.R. NATIONALS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of great concern and pressing necessity. Given the deep concern felt by members on both sides of this House that two citizens of the Soviet Union, namely, Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak, were given severe sentences for expressing their belief in the preservation of human rights in that country, and specifically that they were sentenced for expressing their desire for free immigration, an element of human rights which we and all like-minded people regard as fundamental, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York South (Mrs. Appolloni):

That, in light of the severe sentences imposed upon two citizens of the Soviet Union, Ida Nudel and Vladimir Slepak, for expressing their belief in the preservation of human rights in that country and specifically for expressing their desire for free immigration, the House of Commons wishes to convey its deep concern to the government of the Soviet Union together with the wish that the sentences might be reviewed on humanitarian grounds.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires 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!

[Translation]

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REQUEST HOUSE PAY TRIBUTE TO FRENCH CANADIANS—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jacques Lavoie (Hochelaga):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move an important motion of special national interest.

Considering that today marks the beginning of the French Canadian holiday in Quebec, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint-Michel (Miss Bégin):

That the Canadian parliament pay tribute to all French Canadians on that holiday.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Hnatyshyn).

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## PETRO-CANADA

REASON FOR SELECTION OF AGENTS IN HUSKY OIL TAKEOVER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the retention by Petro-Can of the investment and financial counselling firm of Pitfield, Mackay Ross, Ltd. in its attempt to acquire control of Husky Oil Ltd., in view of the fact that Ward C. Pitfield, president of Pitfield, Mackay Ross, Ltd., was a director of Husky Oil Ltd. during initial negotiations with the company on behalf of Petro-Can, and in view of the participation in the negotiations of a representative of the Prime Minister's office, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Northumberland-Durham (Mr. Lawrence):

That this House directs the Prime Minister and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to make statements on motions at the earliest possible date as to what considerations led to the selection of Pitfield, MacKay Ross Ltd. as agents for Petro-Can, and specifically whether the fact that Ward C. Pitfield was a director of Husky Oil Ltd. played any part in the appointment.

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion for debate can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.