

S.O. 43

STATUS OF WOMEN

SUGGESTED REMOVAL OF MINISTERIAL DUTIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas over 1,000 women recently met in Ottawa to discuss issues pertaining to them with special emphasis on constitutional matters, and relayed those concerns to the government, and whereas the minister responsible for the status of women has now exposed his real feelings toward women by calling them "tiresome", by saying he "couldn't care less" and by branding women's legitimate representations to him as "a form of mischief and should be treated as such", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper)—and I am glad the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) is here to hear this:

That the Prime Minister relieve the Minister of Employment and Immigration from his cabinet duties pertaining to the status of women immediately and apologize to the women of Canada on behalf of the government for his minister's chauvinistic behaviour and attitude toward a group he supposedly represents but obviously despises.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

SUGGESTION MINISTER BE STRIPPED OF DUTIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, in a similar vein I hope to get unanimous consent this time for my motion under Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that repeated calls for the resignation of the minister responsible for the status of women are becoming "pretty tiresome" and that, frankly, the women of Canada "couldn't care less" about the fate of the minister responsible for them, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae):

That the Prime Minister immediately, and in recognition of International Women's Day this Sunday, strip the hon. member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Miss Jewett:

—of all his responsibilities relating to women.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE CONSTITUTION

LOBBYING OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, Robin Sears, the national director and federal secretary of the New Democratic Party, has been appointed "ambassador" and/or lobbyist to the British Labour party by this government in its co-ordinated efforts with the NDP. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer):

● (1410)

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs, on motions, report to this House as to, first, the arrangements whereby Robin Sears is making representations to British Members of Parliament with the assistance of our High Commissioner, second, what salary, benefits or other arrangements is Robin Sears or the NDP receiving from the government for Mr. Sears' activities for and on behalf of the government, and, third, whether Mr. Sears is making representations for both viewpoints held by the NDP to British members or are his representations only on behalf of the Liberal party wing of the NDP.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent to this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Quebec wing of the New Democratic Party, the Saskatchewan NDP, and the Alberta NDP have each adopted a resolution opposing any form of unilateral patriation, therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields):

That this House urges the Leader of the New Democratic Party to get out of Trudeau's bed—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Taylor:

—and start reflecting the thinking of the rank and file of his own party.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT—EXPRESSION OF CANADIAN CONCERN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion respecting a matter of urgent and pressing necessity that directly affects