

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 25, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

TRIBUTE TO CANADIANS OF GREEK ORIGIN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I move a motion of great importance to the Greek Canadian community of our country, and ask unanimous consent for its passing.

In full recognition of the outstanding contributions made by Greek Canadians to the social, spiritual and economic fabric of our society, as well as adding significantly to the foundation of our mosaic Canadian culture, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That this House acknowledge such contributions by officially recognizing the significance of this day, March 25, which is Greek Independence Day, and the 160th anniversary of the freedom and independence of Greece, the cradle of democracy.

Madam Speaker: I am sure that the House will want to express its appreciation for those words by applause.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

CALL FOR PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas today, March 25, marks the sad day when the one hundredth oil rig is leaving Canada; whereas each of those 100 rigs caused employment for dozens and dozens of Canadians with an economic multiplier effect of at least four times, and whereas only a Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and government which are totally out of touch with Canada's real needs could propose such a misguided energy policy, thereby destroying any chance of oil self-sufficiency, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the government immediately withdraw those parts of its energy policy which have caused those 100 oil rigs to leave Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NEGOTIATION OF CLEAN AIR TREATY WITH UNITED STATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Given the immediate need for both Canada and the United States to control and eliminate acid rain, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the Prime Minister put pressure on the United States not to weaken the provisions of the U.S. Clean Air Act which is up for review, and that the Prime Minister be instructed by this House to use any and all possible means available to the Government of Canada to bring to fruition, without further delay, the toughest treaty possible to control the long-range transport of air pollutants, the most critical environmental problem facing North America today.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRANSPORT

GRAIN TERMINAL DEVELOPMENT AT PORT OF PRINCE RUPERT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Madam Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43 which arises out of the fact that progress is once again being further frustrated and delayed in the grain terminal development of the port of Prince Rupert because of the federal government's refusal to honour fundamental articles in the memorandum of understanding signed and agreed to by the federal government and Prince Rupert Grain Terminal Consortium, specifically, the equal sharing of costs of the site preparation, including caissons for the new elevator. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Wise):

That the Minister of Transport instruct officials of the National Harbours Board to honour the articles of the memorandum of understanding negotiated in