

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, December 8, 1978

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1107)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TRADE

SUGGESTED "FLY AND BUY" MISSIONS TO REDUCE TRADE DEFICIT WITH UNITED STATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion, under Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

It is necessary for buyers in the very important United States market to see Canadian manufactured products first-hand, if we are substantially to increase our sales in that market and start reducing our \$12.5 billion a year trade deficit in fully manufactured products, the ones that produce the jobs. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski):

That this House direct the minister of trade and commerce to immediately organize "Fly and Buy" missions from the important merchandise buying centres of the United States to see Canadian manufactured products displayed at giant trade shows in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and our heavy machinery in the plants where it is made across the country.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be introduced for debate at this time only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DISCUSSIONS WITH FARM ORGANIZATIONS TO REDUCE POLLUTION FROM FERTILIZERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

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

In view of the fact that recent studies show that one of the last remaining major Canadian polluters of the lower Great Lakes is, unfortunately, the farm community, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt):

That the Minister of State for the Environment enter into discussions with all farm organizations to attempt to rectify this serious situation, in order to reduce

pollution from phosphates, nitrates and potassium chloride without in any way adversely affecting farm incomes.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate at this time requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HIGHWAYS

CONSTRUCTION OF OVERPASS IN WINNIPEG, MAN.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the obvious need for the city of Winnipeg to proceed with the Sherbrook-McGregor overpass, the urgency of which was pointed out to the Minister of Transport by Mrs. Anne Steen, of Winnipeg North, in a telegram received by the minister this week, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Minister of Transport disregard the advice of the lone Liberal, Lloyd Axworthy, and reinstate the federal commitment of \$4 million for the immediate construction of the badly-needed Sherbrook-McGregor overpass in Winnipeg.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be introduced for debate only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

SALES TAX REBATE ON AUTOMOBILE INVENTORIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgency concerning the \$60 million windfall to the federal government at the expense of automobile dealers across Canada who have been denied reimbursement of the 3 per cent sales tax reduction on the 12 per cent sales tax paid on inventory and vehicles en route.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary (Mr. Whittaker):

That the government reassess its position and negotiate with automobile manufacturers in an effort to have the loss split three ways between the