

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 9, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

SUGGESTED MERGER OF POLITICAL PARTIES—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I should like to propose a motion. When asked on a recent CBC radio program if the Prime Minister's truthfulness, or lack of it, in informing Canadians on constitutional matters affected the NDP's determination to support the Liberal government, the NDP leader was quoted as saying, and I quote: "His particular honesty on this question, frankly, is irrelevant to the constitutional essence of the case", I move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer):

That since, in a choice between truth or Trudeau, the NDP leader prefers Trudeau, therefore the party should formalize their relationship and have Liberals and NDPs conduct all their affairs jointly from now on.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

CALL FOR DISCONTINUATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The fact that the Liberal National Energy Program is counterproductive to Canada reaching energy self-sufficiency by 1990, and given the fact that under this program Canada will require 500,000 barrels of oil imports a day by 1990, at a cost of \$23 billion annually to Canadian taxpayers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the government scrap its National Energy Program and that the whole question of energy self-sufficiency and energy policy be referred to the Standing

Committee on National Resources and Public Works and that they formulate a sensible and realistic energy policy for Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL UNITY

UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR
IN FIGHT AGAINST WESTERN SEPARATISM—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Lang (Kitchener): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the Alberta Federation of Labour unanimously endorsed a resolution to fight western separatism, and I quote: "With all our means and resources to keep Canada strong and united from sea to sea", and in view of the fact that the federation stated that small farmers, business people, working people and pensioners would suffer in the event of separation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Willowdale (Mr. Peterson):

That this House lend its support to the Alberta labour movement's commitment to Canadian national unity.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Mr. Clark: That means they withdraw the National Energy Program.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam 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.

● (1410)

Madam Speaker: Does the hon. member for Kitchener (Mr. Lang) want to speak to the motion?

Mr. Lang: Yes, Madam Speaker.

Mr. Nielsen: On a point of order, Madam Speaker—