

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, June 27, 1975

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE STUDY AND REPORT ON THE
SUSPENSION OF MR. ARTHUR STEWART—MOTION UNDER S.O.
43

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): I rise to ask leave to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43 arising out of the suspension for three months, without pay, of Arthur Stewart from the Department of Supply and Services, particularly in view of the fact that Mr. Stewart is a public service union leader and his comments may have been made in that capacity and are worthy of investigation in an open and public manner. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the suspension of Mr. Arthur Stewart from the Department of Supply and Services be removed and that he be restored forthwith to his office within the department with all the rights and privileges thereof pending the report hereafter referred to and, further, that his comments on the operations of the department be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts for review and report.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The motion being presented under Standing Order 43 it requires unanimous consent. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF SALE OF NUCLEAR REACTOR TO
SOUTH KOREA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the recent report that South Korea has intensified its alert, and in view of the fact that a North Korean general recently warned that war may break out at any moment, and mindful of yesterday's report that President Park Chung Hee has ordered his defence development agency to begin research on nuclear weapons to develop its own nuclear capacity independent of United States nuclear protection, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-

Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas)—I am sorry: by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles)—

Mr. Baldwin: One is as bad as the other!

Mr. Leggatt: I would move:

That the Secretary of State for External Affairs immediately withdraw the proposal for the sale of a nuclear reactor to South Korea in view of the growing crisis in the area.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the motion requires unanimous consent. Does the House give unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

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REQUESTED MODIFICATION OF STANDING ORDERS
CONCERNING JUNE 24 AND JULY 1 HOLIDAYS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion on an important matter of urgent necessity.

Considering that under Standing Order 2(3) the House does not sit on June 24 and July 1 and that when those days fall on a Tuesday hon. members have to be in the House on Monday, the eve of those holidays, preventing them to attend festivities in their constituency, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House approve an amendment to Standing Order 2(3) by adding the following:

When the holidays of June 24 and July 1 fall on a Tuesday, the House will not sit on June 23 and 30.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such a consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent, so the motion cannot be put.

[Later:]

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order. On the motion put by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert), I understand there were some discussions. I was listening to see whether or not there was unanimous consent and I thought I