

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 9, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE CONSTITUTION

BEST WISHES TO FIRST MINISTERS ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DISCUSSIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Madam Speaker, in view of the importance of the events taking place in another part of the city today, I should like to move, seconded by the hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Collenette), the following motion under Standing Order 43:

That this House welcomes the provincial first ministers to the national capital, and extends to them and to the Prime Minister its best wishes for productive discussions and a hopeful beginning to the process of constitutional reform.

**Madam Speaker:** Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Madam Speaker:** Hon. members have heard the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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### HUMAN RIGHTS

DR. C. M. KAO—PLACING IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT WITHOUT PUBLIC TRIAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Given the recent arrest and detention of Dr. C. M. Kao, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, who, along with other church officials, has been placed in solitary confinement without public trial, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That the Government of Canada express its concern about this violation of human rights—the summary arrest and subsequent solitary confinement of Dr. C. M. Kao, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan—to all Canadian companies transacting business in Taiwan so that they, in turn, may

impress upon their trading partners in Taiwan the urgency that Canadians feel for the release of these persons; and that a similar concern be conveyed to those governments which still maintain diplomatic ties with Taiwan, so that Canada's views can be brought directly to the attention of the government of Taiwan.

**Madam Speaker:** Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### PENSIONS

PENSION EQUALITY FOR WOMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Madam Speaker, the subject matter of this motion grows more urgent as time goes on, and I hope this is the day the House will agree to it. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That this House calls on the government to recognize the contribution that women in their homes make to our economy, and as a minimum to recognize this contribution by establishing pension equality, including the equivalent of the Canada Pension Plan for women whose work is in their homes, equal pension rights for all women between the ages of 60 and 65 regardless of marital status, increasing the pensions paid to widows under various government plans to at least 75 per cent, and the continuing payment of pensions granted to widows regardless of any subsequent change in marital status.

**Madam Speaker:** Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

EXAMINATION OF PROPOSED KEMANO II PROJECT IN B.C.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of urgent and pressing necessity regarding the proposal of the Aluminum Company of Canada to complete its industrial power generating capacity in British Columbia under an agreement and licence that was issued 30 years ago. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Bulkley Valley (Mr. McCuish):

That the government be required to exercise its various jurisdictions to ensure that the proposed Kemano II project is examined fully in light of standards which are used currently to evaluate such schemes, rather than those which were