

Oral Questions

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

PROPOSED LEGISLATION RESPECTING IMPORTATION OF MEAT—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bert Hargrave (Medicine Hat): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on an urgent matter respecting our Canadian beef cattle industry. In view of the government's decision, announced by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gray) last December 31, that no Canadian beef import quotas would be in place for 1981, and, further, in view of current heavy imports of U.S. fat cattle at 6,000 to 7,000 head per week, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That the Minister of Agriculture take immediate steps to have his meat importation bill, C-46, introduced for a quick second reading debate and referral to the Standing Committee on Agriculture, so that a proper debate on beef imports can take place as a necessary step to the establishment of Canada's first meat importation act.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SOUTH AFRICA—CALL FOR CONDEMNATION OF ACT OF
AGGRESSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Madam Speaker, I rise today on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the strike into Mozambique carried out by the South African government on Friday, January 30, which resulted in the deaths of eight persons, and considering the stated intention of the South African government to follow up its raid on Mozambique with continued attacks on neighbouring countries, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong):

That this House condemn South Africa's act of aggression against Mozambique, which constitutes a violation of the territorial integrity of a sovereign and independent state; and call upon the South African government to cease immediately such attacks on neighbouring states, which destabilize the entire southern African region and promote a situation of war.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDUSTRY

LOCATION OF AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY PLANT—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gray) has finally announced that Downsview is to get the new Dash-8 assembly plant. No matter how surprised 20 other cities were that they lost out to the three cabinet ministers from the York region, it came as no surprise to Peterborough. We have observed pork-barrelling before with Parks Canada and Eldorado Nuclear Limited, both going to the ridings of Liberal cabinet ministers in Cornwall and Blind River. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence):

That this government stop listening to the needs of its own cabinet ministers only and recognize that there are regions of the country other than those represented by Liberal cabinet ministers and Liberal members that warrant the attention of this government.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

REPORTED STATEMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER FOLLOWING
MEETING WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. He will recall that on June 25 last, outside No. 10 Downing Street in Britain, he was asked:

So Mrs. Thatcher in fact said there would be no problems under any circumstances in giving British consent to patriation?

The Prime Minister of Canada replied:

She didn't say that and I didn't ask her to say that.

Could the Prime Minister of Canada tell us whether the House of Commons can accept as the truth his statement of June 25?