

S.O. 43

• (1410)

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

TIME ALLOCATION FOR REPORT STAGE AND THIRD READING OF
BILL C-85

Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan), in moving closure under Standing Order 75C, is creating yet another mammoth Crown Corporation named Canagrex which will have broad and powerful control on all agricultural and food products. This recent step by the Minister further undermines the democratic working of this House. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave) and the Hon. Member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields):

That this House ask the Minister of Agriculture to reconsider a step as serious as the one taken yesterday on closure and allow free and open debate in this House on Bill C-85.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

BOWATER LAY-OFFS—PROTECTION OF WORKERS' JOBS

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Bowater Newfoundland Ltd.'s employees have been put on notice that the company will close permanently a large part of its Corner Brook pulp mill on April 2, putting some 750 of the workers out of work; and whereas this decision came in spite of profitable years between 1978 and 1981 and the company's remission of large dividends to its British shareholders this year, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Vancouver East (Mrs. Mitchell):

That the House instruct the Government to meet company officials, provincial Government officials and employees' representatives to discuss possible action to protect the jobs of Bowater's workers, and that the Government also be instructed to investigate the circumstances of the reduction in the plant's operations in spite of its productivity and profitability.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

CANADA POST CORPORATION

1985 CONGRESS ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE—
SUGGESTED ISSUANCE OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): 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 widespread social and economic costs resulting from the abuse of alcohol and drugs are becoming increasingly apparent and understood in Canadian society; in view of the fact that many agencies and groups across Canada are attempting to address this problem by increasing public awareness of it, and in view of the fact that there is almost a desperate call by society on all elected Members to act in a meaningful manner, at the request of the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission, I move, seconded by the Hon. Members for Saint-Michel (Mrs. Killens), Kootenay West (Mr. Kristiansen), and Calgary East (Mr. Kushner):

That this assembly act unanimously to bring attention to this very serious matter by requesting the Post Office to strike a stamp to mark the first meeting in Canada of the thirty-fourth International Congress on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence scheduled for Calgary in 1985.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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METRIC CONVERSION

MINISTER'S PRESS RELEASE REFERENCE TO REGULATIONS

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, my motion under Standing Order 43 is a direct challenge to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) to retract an incorrect statement in his media release of yesterday that regulations regarding metric were passed by the Clark Government, by Order in Council. I checked with the Privy Council Office this morning and was informed that no such Orders in Council were passed between May, 1979, and February, 1980. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Members for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger) and Athabasca (Mr. Shields):

That the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs move immediately to amend this false statement, and if he intends to follow through with his bluff to prosecute those Canadians in the retail field who are exercising their freedom of choice in a free country, that he treat the cases as sub judice and refrain from placing any phone calls to judges or criticizing their decisions.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.