

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 8, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

DISARMAMENT

ARMS LIMITATION TALKS BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND
RUSSIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Madam Speaker, I rise today on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Considering that Canada is playing a greater role in the present U.S. space shuttle program than ever before, notably in terms of hardware, experimental devices and scientific personnel; and considering that the strongest impetus toward an increased U.S. presence in space is the escalating strategic arms race, including the planned deployment of high-energy killer lasers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That the Canadian government urge the U.S. Senate and the Reagan administration to press for further arms limitation talks with the Soviets so that the space program is not dominated by military planning which threatens to plunge the U.S. into a strategic space war with the Soviet Union.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EL SALVADOR—OUTRAGE AT SENSELESS KILLINGS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

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

In light of the tragic and brutal massacre of 30 Salvadorans on April 7 by right wing forces, and in light of Canada's support of the United Nations' resolution of December 15 last condemning El Salvador's human rights record and requesting the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to examine the situation in El Salvador, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House convey to the El Salvadoran representatives in Ottawa our deep shock and outrage over the senseless killings of April 7, and urge the United Nations Human Rights Commission to commence its investigation into human rights violations in El Salvador forthwith so that further tragedies of this sort may be deterred through international pressure.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

IMPACT ON BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT IN ALBERTA—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): The Nisku, Alberta, businessmen's association has just completed an alarming study assessing the impact of the National Energy Program on 41 companies in the area and the study concludes that in this small part of Alberta alone close to \$40 million and over 400 jobs were lost by January, 1981, because of the National Energy Program. It is projected that another \$100 million worth of contracts and business will be lost this year. Therefore, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields), I move:

That the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources explain immediately to those Canadian companies his philosophy as to why they must suffer this tragedy as he attacks the western oil industry.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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YUKON TERRITORY

CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF YUKON CAPITAL TRUST FUND—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has stated publicly the government's anticipation that the Yukon may be given provincial status by 1985. The need for revenues from non-renewable resources by a province for the