

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, January 13, 1971

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (2:10 p.m.)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Steven Otto (York East): Mr. Speaker, as of this moment I still have the honour of presenting the second report of the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[*Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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POST OFFICE

LABOUR RELATIONS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion under Standing Order 43. I base my reason for so doing on the imminent threat of a series of rotating strikes in the Post Office Department similar to those which cost the economy of the country so dearly last spring and summer, and which are now being threatened by the bypassing of the union's national executive in dealing with current issues, in contravention of the minister's pledge when he took over his duties that he would improve labour relations within the department. I therefore move under Standing Order 43:

That the question of labour relations within the Post Office Department be referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration for investigation and recommendation for correction in the national interest.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings. This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Does the House give unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Since there is not unanimity, regretfully I have to advise the hon. member that the motion cannot be put at this time.

NATIONAL PARKS

WOOD BUFFALO—LOGGING WITHOUT REFORESTATION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. T. S. Barnett (Comox-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I should like to seek unanimous consent under Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and immediate necessity which arises from the report that areas of Wood Buffalo National Park are being stripped of timber at an accelerating rate by logging companies, with no provision for reforestation, thereby doing almost irreparable damage to large areas of the park, which is a complete negation of the whole concept of the national parks trust. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I should like to move, seconded by the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Harding):

That immediate steps be taken to repatriate to the public realm all areas of Wood Buffalo National Park alienated under timber lease agreements, and that a program of reforestation be instituted in those areas already logged.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni under Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent that the motion be put?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: Since there is not unanimous agreement, the hon. member's motion cannot be put.

LOGGING PRACTICES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise to deal with a matter under motions. Inasmuch as the government is not interested in repatriating—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should indicate immediately what he has in mind. Under motions he can only have the floor for the purpose of moving a motion under Standing Order 43. If he proposes to do this he should indicate that intention to the Chair immediately. No debate can be allowed on the motion put forward earlier by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): I was not seeking to enter into a debate, Mr. Speaker. For the valid and cogent reasons set out by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni, and inasmuch as the government is not prepared to accept that