

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 23, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

RESOURCES

REQUEST FOR PROTECTION OF PROVINCIAL JURISDICTION
FROM FEDERAL ENCROACHMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Alvin Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. My motion pertains to today's Supreme Court decision in the GIGOL case which has serious constitutional implications for the jurisdiction of provincial governments over mineral rights within their boundaries. I therefore seek leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That the government introduce emergency legislation to protect the people of Saskatchewan from an estimated tax liability of half a billion dollars and to check the federal government's encroachment into the jurisdiction of provincial governments over natural resources.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the proposed motion. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House before it can be put. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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[Translation]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REQUEST THAT PRIME MINISTER MAKE STATEMENT ON
LEGALITY OF KEABLE COMMISSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot (Mr. Jarvis):

That the Prime Minister make at the earliest possible moment a statement to explain why his government is now defending a position contrary to the one the Prime Minister expressed himself in this House on June 20 last, when he indicated that the Keable Commission was perfectly legal, because under our constitution and under our Criminal Code, the administration of justice comes under the attorneys general of the provinces.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[English]

SUGGESTED WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION TO STOP KEABLE
INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of the standing order.

The federal government has applied to the Quebec Superior Court to halt the Keable inquiry into illegal police activities in Quebec and seeks to have the entire inquiry declared to be unconstitutional. In view of the fact that the administration of justice is clearly a matter within the jurisdiction of the provinces and that the granting of any relief sought by the Solicitor General is an infringement of provincial rights, and in view of the fact that the apparent reason for making the motion is to stifle the Keable inquiry, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin):

That the Solicitor General be instructed by this House to withdraw the application to halt the Quebec inquiry and permit it to proceed without interference even if there is some good reason why certain documents sought by the inquiry cannot be produced.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the motion to be put?

Some hon. Members: No!

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[Translation]

HEALTH

SUGGESTION RESEARCH BE CONDUCTED ON SOVIET VACCINE
FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of extremely urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the number of people suffering from a dreadful condition known as multiple sclerosis is increasing in Canada, that a vaccine known as the Margoulis Choubladze and used to fight this condition has been developed by Russian scientists, and that this vaccine has been used to treat success-