

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 10, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

INVESTIGATION INTO SAFETY OF DISPOSABLE BUTANE LIGHTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I sincerely hope that all members will agree with my non-partisan motion as it affects the safety of millions of consumers.

In view of the fact that a number of people in North America have already lost their lives as a result of explosions of disposable butane cigarette lighters, which are said to have the same amount of force as approximately three sticks of dynamite, and because as recently as last night another similar accident critically injured comedian Richard Pryor who as of this moment is fighting for his life, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. Scott):

That this House instruct the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to launch an immediate investigation into the safety of all disposable butane cigarette lighters in order to determine which brands should be removed from the marketplace and what appropriate safety warnings must be established.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON DIRECTORSHIPS AND RESIDENCY LAW—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the sweeping changes when the Canada Business Corporations Act succeeded the Canada Business Act, which affected some 21,000 small companies in Canada, and the severe consequences of expropriation of their assets by the government if continuance is not filed, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs make a statement on motions to this House as to his intentions and interpretation regarding this Draconian procedure and the apparent use by some companies to transfer to provincial jurisdictions where directorships are not covered by Canadian residency law.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDUSTRY

DECISION TO CLOSE AUTO PARTS FACTORY IN OSHAWA—STEPS TO PRESERVE JOBS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, considering that Houdaille Industries Limited, of the United States, yesterday announced its decision to shut down its auto parts factory in Oshawa in October, in spite of having a less modern facility in the United States, and considering that Canada runs an annual deficit in auto parts trade with the United States of almost \$4 billion, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans):

That this House instruct the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce:

(1) to take immediate steps to try to preserve the jobs in the Houdaille plant in Oshawa, and

(2) to make clear to the United States government that the massive imbalance in automotive parts trade cannot persist.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INCOME TAX

RETENTION OF INDEXING OF PERSONAL INCOME TAXES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

The indexing of personal income tax to some extent prevents the tax man from profiting by inflation. This principle was first enunciated by the Hon. Robert Stanfield and adopted by the Hon. John Turner in his budget of 1974 as being an