

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, January 28, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATURAL RESOURCES

STATEMENT BY MINISTER ON RESOURCE OWNERSHIP—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion of urgent and pressing importance. Last weekend in Bonnyville, Alberta, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) said, "Provinces don't own resources like you own your home . . . and provinces don't own the resources the way Libya and Saudi Arabia own theirs."

In view of this statement I move, seconded by the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence):

That the hon. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources be required to make a statement on motions immediately, clarifying his new definition of resource ownership, which is clearly contrary to the constitutional pledge recognizing that natural resources belong to the provinces as set out in sections 92 and 109 of the British North America Act.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

EXCISE TAX ON NATURAL GAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The excise tax on natural gas will increase the cost of heat and fertilizer to farmers, thereby increasing the cost of food to all consumers. This price increase will find its way into almost every segment of Canadian industry, increasing unemployment and inflation. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this House urges the government to eliminate the excise tax on natural gas from its national energy policy.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

UNITED STATES AID TO EL SALVADOR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, considering the increasing number of violent deaths in El Salvador caused by the current policies of the governing junta, and considering recent increases in United States military aid to El Salvador, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That when the Secretary of State for External Affairs meets with General Haig in Washington this week he seeks a commitment from the American government to live up to its previously-established commitment to stop shipping lethal arms to El Salvador or involving itself in the internal affairs of any other nation.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EDUCATION

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FINANCING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The cabinet social development committee apparently has before it a proposal to cut some \$1.5 billion from the \$3 billion the federal government transfers to the provinces under the established programs financing arrangement to help pay the operating costs of post-secondary education institutions across Canada. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm):

That the government launch, in concert with the provinces, the universities and colleges, a full-fledged review of post-secondary education financing in Canada before it introduces drastic changes in the education component of the established programs financing arrangement.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?