

nuclear reactor exports. I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That the government expand the current inhouse review and establish instead a forum for the widest possible public debate on this extremely important question along the lines of that contemplated by the previous Conservative administration.

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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NATIONAL ARMED FORCES DAY

TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN ARMED FORCES—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43.

Since today is National Armed Forces Day and the Canadian Armed Forces have received tributes from the Governor General, the Prime Minister and the Minister of National Defence, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That this House recognize, with respect and gratitude, the contributions of the Canadian Armed Forces to Canada in war and in peace, and extend its congratulations to the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces for their effectiveness and dedication.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Motion agreed to.

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AIR TRANSPORT

AIR SAFETY REGULATIONS—REQUEST FOR INTERIM REPORT OF
DUBIN INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent importance.

In view of the startling testimony in recent weeks by many witnesses appearing before the Dubin Royal Commission on Aviation safety which all points to a general lack of effectiveness in the administration of air safety regulations in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

Oral Questions

That the Minister of Transport be directed to make a statement on motions before this House explaining the measures he has already taken to eliminate the many unsafe practices which have been documented before the Dubin inquiry and, further, that the minister be directed to request an interim report from Mr. Justice Dubin on his findings to date.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

AGRICULTURE

DROUGHT IN WEST—GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Agriculture my question is to the acting minister. The minister knows that the drought in western Canada is now an acute threat to western farmers and, indeed, to the general economy of Saskatchewan and of Manitoba.

On Monday, the government of Manitoba indicated that it could wait no longer for Ottawa's approval and it went ahead and announced its own program of assistance to the extent of \$44 million. Even the railways have acted to help the farmers of Manitoba in working to move feed back to Manitoba where it is needed.

Will the minister tell the House of Commons why the Government of Canada is moving more slowly than the railways in responding to the drought crisis in Manitoba, and will he tell us when the federal government intends to accept its responsibility to show leadership in helping Manitoba deal with the drought problem?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: They are waiting for double-tracking.

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, the Minister of Agriculture has already indicated a number of things that are being done with respect to alleviating the drought situation. The Minister of State for the Wheat Board has also indicated a number of decisions; for example, the allowance of feed barley from the United States under import permits. So all these measures are in hand now.

There are different views on the situation itself. Some people believe there are sufficient quantities of feed on the farms. The problem is that it does not come to the elevators as rapidly as one might like. But that is a normal situation because the farmer is trying to protect himself also in this difficult situation. To conclude, it is a very difficult balancing act and the three members of the government involved are monitoring the situation very closely.