

POST OFFICE

PROPOSED INQUIRY INTO OPERATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the continued deterioration in the service offered by Canada's post office as documented by press articles and the increasing flow of letters of protest from constituents to members of parliament, a situation further aggravated by the current breakdown in contract negotiations over a matter that would have been insignificant if the post office management had introduced modern industrial relations practices into the post office department at the time when the decision was made to move rapidly into mechanization and automation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That the government immediately set up a joint parliamentary committee similar to the committee that studied the 250 recommendations for improvement in employer-employee relations in the Public Service, a situation that has been further exacerbated by the government's failure to act on the Finkelman committee report, to examine in depth the Canada post office and to recommend solutions for the current crisis which has resulted in deteriorating service, a breakdown in labour management relations with the CUPW and the problems with mechanization and automation in the Toronto area that have been playing havoc with mail service throughout Metro Toronto and across Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such a motion for debate. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE STUDY OF POSTPAK PROGRAM—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of conflicting information in regard to the Postpak program of the Post Office Department where on the one hand departmental officials have informed the Canadian Trucking Association that Postpak has always been profitable and on the other, the Postmaster General (Mr. Blais) told the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications that it has only been profitable since December 1976,

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I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale):

That the whole matter of Postpak be referred to a joint parliamentary committee to examine in depth the Postpak program which is causing serious problems for the Canadian trucking industry and to determine the economic feasibility of this program.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such motion for debate. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Cuban Delegation

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Alexander: The Postmaster General said no again.

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PORNOGRAPHY

PROPOSAL THAT COMMITTEE STUDY EXTENT OF MATERIAL
DIRECTED AT CHILDREN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Since hard core pornography, in particular abusive child pornography, produced in the United States is now entering Canada through several ports of entry in our larger urban centres; since representations have already been made to the Minister of National Revenue (Miss Bégin) which would in effect limit the number of ports of entry; and since the incidence of pornography involving the use of children is increasing dramatically, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Prime Minister immediately establish a House of Commons task force that would study the extent of child pornography in Canada and report back to the House of Commons with specific recommendations within 90 days.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the presentation of such motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF CUBAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY
COMMISSIONER A. MARGOLLES, VICE-MINISTER OF FISHERIES

Mr. Speaker: Order please. Before we begin the oral question period may I direct the attention of the hon. members to the presence in our gallery of the distinguished Cuban delegation attending the ICNAF meetings presently underway in Ottawa, headed by their distinguished vice-minister of fisheries, Mr. Commissioner A. Margolles.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!