

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, December 17, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HEALTH CARE

LEGAL AND MORAL OBLIGATIONS OF GOVERNMENT
RESPECTING MEDICARE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. To ensure the viability and the quality of the health care system in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the government guarantee to live up to its legal and moral obligations to medicare under the Established Programs Financing Act.

Madam Speaker: Presentation of this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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MINING

ELLIOT LAKE URANIUM MINERS—RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY
VESTED IN ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the Ontario legislature select committee report which specifically states that the federal government has failed to protect the miners and environment of Elliot Lake, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That this House undertake immediately to consolidate all federal regulatory responsibility for uranium mining and processing in Canada under the Atomic Energy Control Board, and that the Board be requested to deal immediately with all safety and environmental deficiencies at Elliot Lake in consultation with the province of Ontario.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

MENTALLY HANDICAPPED—CASE OF EMERSON BONNAR—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Over 800 Canadians, many of them mentally retarded individuals, are being detained in institutions for long periods subsequent to being charged with committing a crime. Being found not fit to stand trial or not guilty on account of insanity, they are committed to those institutions under the Lieutenant Governor warrant provisions of the Criminal Code for indefinite periods.

One person who has never had benefit of a trial is Emerson Bonnar of New Brunswick, who has been detained since 1964, at which time he was charged with attempting to steal a handbag. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House request the Minister of Justice to investigate immediately the case of Emerson Bonnar with a view to securing his release from this cruel and unusual treatment, and that the minister bring before this House legislative proposals based on the recommendations of the 1976 report of the Law Reform Commission of Canada so that mentally handicapped and mentally disabled Canadians charged with an offence are entitled to a fair trial before the law.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this 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

PER DIEM MEALS ALLOWANCE FOR COMMERCIAL
TRAVELLERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, in particular to the commercial travellers in this country. In light of the fact that commercial travellers are allowed to claim only \$15 per day for meals—without vouchers—for income tax purposes while public servants are allowed to claim \$21 per day, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave):

That commercial travellers be allowed to claim the same amount per day as public servants for meals (without vouchers) for income tax purposes.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?