

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, December 7, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF ADVANCED BOOKING DOMESTIC AIR CHARTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. My motion concerns the decision of the Canadian Transport Commission permitting domestic air charters, but only on a highly restricted basis. In view of the CTC's decision to hand over the air charter market to the very interests which have most consistently opposed the concept in the first place, and also in light of the extremely limited nature of the charter operation for the first year of operation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That it is the opinion of this House that the question of a massive travel deficit, which is currently draining our prosperity, and of national unity, which threatens our collective future, are too important to permit the restriction on the use of the very important tool of widely available low cost air travel, and, further to these ends, that the decision announced by the CTC be extended to allow both the full participation of Canadian charter airlines and a greater use of the program by the Canadian public during the first year of operation.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDUSTRY

USE OF PART OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT AS EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

As an unemployment person receives two-thirds of his former pay when he is drawing UIC benefits, and as the government at present pays about half the cost or about \$2 billion of the \$4 billion that will be paid out in UIC benefits

this year, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the government make available to potential employers an employment incentive amounting to half of the UIC benefits which an unemployed person is receiving so that the potential employer can then bid on contracts which were formerly out of his reach because of the low wages paid in the country from which the competition comes, and stand a good chance of obtaining the order. In this way he will be able to provide employment for those who would otherwise remain in idleness, and enable them to earn a pay cheque on which they will be paying income tax, and making a positive contribution to the economy.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Paproski: Marc Lalonde said "no".

PROPOSAL TO STOP PAYMENT OF GRANTS TO NORTHERN TELECOM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I too have a motion under Standing Order 43 regarding a matter that is both urgent and pressing. In view of the fact that Northern Telecom has announced lay-offs in Canada of over 1,000 workers, and more lay-offs are expected, and in view of the fact that the federal government through the Minister of Finance's budgetary statement has provided to this company \$2 million in tax incentives, in addition to \$10 million in federal grants and \$44 million in federal income tax deferrals, and whereas Northern Telecom has just announced the purchase of two firms in the United States at an expense of \$92 million, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom):

That this House urges the government to stop all federal grants and tax concessions which might assist Northern Telecom to purchase firms outside of Canada and lay off Canadian workers.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for discussion with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.