

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 9, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PARLIAMENT HILL

SUGGESTION VENUE OF LIBERAL PARTY CONVENTION BE CHANGED TO DOWNTOWN OTTAWA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ken Hurlburt (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that an application was made to the Speaker of the House on July 14, 1976, to hold a "Lethbridge night" inviting all MPs, senators and their guests, along with the mayor of St. Laurent, our twin city, and in light of the fact this application was turned down, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek (Mr. Hamilton):

That the Liberal annual meeting be moved to downtown Ottawa, where they can do the same as the NDP, Creditiste and PC parties by patronizing the business people who meet payrolls, pay taxes and provide a service every day of the year and, I should point out, they also vote.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for discussion, pursuant to the Standing Order, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

YOUNG CANADA WORKS PROGRAM—REQUEST ALLOCATION FIGURES AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BE PROVIDED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of national importance. All members of parliament have by now received from the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) notice of the allocation of funds under the Young Canada Works program. One of the obvious deficiencies in the minister's communication is the failure to provide allocation figures and the unemployment rate calculated for all constituencies in Canada. Since this does not allow the individual member of parliament any means of comparison of unemploy-

ment rates amongst students by constituencies, or the rise or fall of funding to other constituencies, and since this is a vital piece of information so that not only equity in allocation of the Canada taxpayers' money for Young Canada Works be done, but that it be seen to be done in this election year, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt):

That the minister provide every member of parliament this information not later than the end of February.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

AIR CANADA

SUGGESTION CORPORATION CHARGE PERSONS SIXTY AND OVER SAME FARE AS OTHER AIRLINES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an urgent and important matter.

Considering that Air Canada aircraft operate at less than 60 per cent of capacity and that in some areas aircraft are the only means of transportation available; considering that there are about three million people in Canada who are 60 or over and that many would fly more often if travel rates were lower; considering that only private carriers such as Quebecair and Nordair offer reduced rates of some 50 per cent for senior citizens along with the privilege of making reservations at any time, while Air Canada's reduced rates do not vary more than 9 per cent or 10 per cent, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That the House urge the Minister of Transport to make any necessary arrangements so that Air Canada provide similar privileges, that is, reduced rates of 50 per cent for senior citizens.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.