

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 11, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BROADCASTING

SATELLITE TELEVISION SIGNALS—EQUAL PRIVILEGES
THROUGHOUT CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of recent statements by the chairman of the CRTC, confirmed by the Minister of Communications, that the government will prosecute certain organizations and individuals for distributing television signals received from satellites, but that other groups need not be concerned about prosecution, and since this obvious double standard allows some Canadians the right to choose freely what they watch on television while denying that freedom to others, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That the government be directed to prepare amendments to the Canadian Broadcasting Act which recognize the global realities of modern communications technology and which will eliminate the present double standard by extending equal rights and privileges to television viewers in all parts of Canada.

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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HUMAN RIGHTS

VIOLATIONS IN TAIWAN AND SOUTH AFRICA—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the arrest and detention overnight in South Africa last month of the Reverend Tom Anthony of the Anglican Church of Canada, and in view of the arrest, detention and trial in Taiwan of Dr. C. M. Kao, general secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, and other church leaders,

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Mr. Allmand):

That this House express its concern at the violation of human rights in Taiwan and South Africa, condemn the oppressive system of apartheid in South Africa with all its abuses of human dignity, and express its hope for the fair treatment and release of Dr. Kao and the other church leaders in Taiwan.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[Translation]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR HOUSE OF COMMONS EMPLOYEES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion relating to an important and urgent matter.

[English]

In view of the fact that recent events have made it more necessary than ever that members of Parliament be able to deliver services in both languages from their offices to Canadians, I move, seconded by the Conservative House leader, the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker) and, I hope, supported by members of the Liberal caucus:

That this House urges the committee on members' services to give positive consideration to making the language training presently available to members of Parliament available to the employees of members of Parliament.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Under Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of this House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.