

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 30, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NATIVES AT DINNER FOR PRINCE OF WALES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the report that the commissioner of the Northwest Territories was responsible for a dinner for the Prince of Wales at which only 22 of 350 guests were natives, and in view of the further report that the only other Indians in attendance were there as entertainers and were left sitting on a hall floor between washrooms when not performing, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That upon confirmation of the accuracy of this report that this House repudiates such discriminatory behaviour and calls upon the government to request the resignation of commissioner Hodgson.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion put pursuant to Standing Order 43 cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

An hon. Member: There is the abominable "no man" again.

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CRIMINAL CODE

PROPOSED REFERENCE OF BRIEF OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT TO STANDING COMMITTEE— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the renewed interest in the reinstatement of capital punishment, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary (Mr. Whittaker):

That this House instruct the Solicitor General to refer his recent brief by the police association of Nova Scotia and other Atlantic provinces supported by all police associations throughout Canada be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs for immediate study.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

PROPOSED REFERENDUM ON REINSTATEMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the great increase in crimes since the beginning of 1975, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halton-Wentworth (Mr. Kempling):

That this House instruct the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to look into the urgent need to introduce a measure allowing a national referendum on the reinstatement of capital punishment.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion pursuant to Standing Order 43 cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

REQUEST SOLICITOR GENERAL INTRODUCE PROMISED MEASURES TO CURB MURDER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the growing concern about the increase of crimes in this country and the possible need for the reinstatement of capital punishment, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Perth-Wilmot (Mr. Jarvis):

That this House instruct the Solicitor General to introduce immediately his long promised measures to curb murder and other serious crimes.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. This motion proposed pursuant to Standing Order 43 cannot be presented without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.