

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 26, 1973

The House met at 2 p.m.

[English]

PRIVILEGE

MR. POULIN—WINNING OF GREY CUP BY OTTAWA ROUGH RIDERS

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege touching an event of national significance which took place over the weekend and had its beginnings in my constituency of Ottawa Centre.

The Grey Cup festivities continue to be the athletic event that contributes most to national unity. I should like the House to join with me in congratulating the players, the fans and the Ottawa Football Club upon the Rough Riders' victory Sunday afternoon in the Grey Cup classic.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Poulin: To the fans in Edmonton I suggest that if the hon. member for Edmonton Centre was still playing for the Edmonton Eskimos the fortunes of that team might have been different.

I believe the House might also wish to extend congratulations to the hon. member for Halifax, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield), upon the victory of St. Mary's University in Saturday afternoon's college bowl game.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to join the hon. member in extending congratulations to the Ottawa Rough Riders and I thank him for his reference to St. Mary's. I did not feel it necessary to rise to call attention to the victory of St. Mary's team because we maritimers take national victories for granted.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

TABLING OF JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF MINISTER'S VISIT TO SOVIET UNION

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table in both official languages the text of the joint communiqué issued on the conclusion of my visit to the Soviet Union.

LEADERSHIP OF CANADIAN DELEGATION TO FORTHCOMING LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Walter Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise to ask leave of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, namely, the leadership of the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming Law of the Sea Conference.

This conference will be of historic importance to Canada since it directly concerns our marine resources on our continental shelves and the protection of our marine ecology on our Atlantic, Pacific and Arctic coasts. It is essential to the national interest that Canada's negotiating team be led by a minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have to interrupt the hon. member. He is now making a speech, an argument, in support of the proposed motion under Standing Order 43. I suggest we should not follow this procedure and I invite him to indicate to the House the terms of his motion.

Mr. Carter: I was about to do so, Mr. Speaker. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House recommend that the head of the Canadian delegation to the forthcoming Law of the Sea Conference be a minister other than the present appointee, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, who, on his recent trip to the U.S.S.R., was criticized there for presuming to meddle in the domestic affairs of that nation.

Mr. Speaker: I doubt very much whether a motion put in those terms should be submitted to the House. It is not a motion, it is an argument, and in my view it is contrary to the spirit of Standing Order 43 as it has been observed in the House. In any event, I will put the motion pro forma. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

[Text]

LOGO FOR CANADIAN-OWNED CORPORATIONS

Question No. 2,177—**Mr. Blenkarn:**

1. In the light of letters received from the Office of the Prime Minister by Mr. Michael J. Houlton of Can-Ad Promotions Limit-