

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 3, 1974

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I have had some informal discussions and I understand there would be agreement to revert to Routine Proceedings at two o'clock today for the purpose of striking standing committees and dealing with procedural matters referring to estimates.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

SUGGESTED MINISTERIAL MEETING WITH NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Miss Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 to propose a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Because of the confusion that now exists in the minds of many Canadians concerning the demonstration on Parliament Hill on Monday last, and because of the publicity accorded the events which is undermining the progress that has been made by the democratically elected native peoples' organizations which represent the vast majority of our native people, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rocky Mountain (Mr. Clark):

That the House urge the government to initiate an immediate ministerial meeting with leading officials of the democratically elected National Indian Brotherhood and Native Council of Canada to clarify the situation and to demonstrate the government's serious intention to resolve housing and other urgent social and economic problems whose persistence among our native people helped precipitate the unfortunate events which occurred on Parliament Hill on Monday last.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion being presented pursuant to Standing Order 43 which cannot be received without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous consent the motion cannot be put.

● (1110)

PARLIAMENT HILL

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SECURITY MEASURES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to propose a motion in a case of urgent and pressing necessity. The use of explosives by criminals and mentally unbalanced persons to achieve their perverted ends of political terrorism, private vengeance or other purpose is increasing. In Canada, as elsewhere, the intended victim is often connected with one of the established institutions of society, such as a court of justice, penitentiary, legislature, or other symbol of government. Not only the intended victim is endangered but no one within that particular institution is safe from the indiscriminate blast of the explosive. I need only refer to the recent incident in the courthouse at Winnipeg.

I move the following motion with particular reference to this institution of parliament:

That Mr. Speaker be authorized to meet with the Speaker of the other chamber to select a committee of both Houses to assist them in recommending to both Houses security measures for the protection of the public, the staff, and members in the parliament buildings and surrounding grounds.

And that Mr. Speaker be authorized to communicate this resolution to the Honourable the Speaker of the Senate.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion presented pursuant to Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent to it?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There not being unanimous agreement, it cannot be presented.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

TABLING OF REPORT OF TARIFF BOARD

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with section 6, chapter T-1 of the Revised Statutes, I wish to table a copy in English and French of a report of the Tariff Board in respect of photographic equipment, reference No. 147, together with a transcript of the proceedings on the reference.

This report contains recommendations relating to the tariffs on imported cameras, projectors and other photographic equipment, related accessories and parts. I assure