S.O. 43

INDIAN AFFAIRS

FUNDS FOR NEW SCHOOL ON SASKATCHEWAN RESERVE— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to ask the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Madam Speaker, the children of the Thunderchild Indian Band, near Turtleford, Saskatchewan, up until the summer holidays had been attending a school which has been condemned both by provincial fire officials and federal health offices since 1974. Not 100 feet from the school there is an open cesspool. I am sure hon, members opposite and the President of the Treasury Board would not want their children to fall into a cesspool at the school they attend.

In spite of these severe hazards, and the fact that money for a new school has been approved in the Indian Affairs capital budget for this year, Treasury Board has not consented to release the funds, which means these children will face these conditions for at least another two years. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong):

That this House instruct Treasury Board to make the budgeted funds available so that the work necessary to build a new school may begin immediately.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HUMAN RIGHTS

RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONER, DANYLO SHUMUK, IN SOVIET UNION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

The motion concerns Danylo Shumuk, who is considered by many to be the longest-term political prisoner in the Soviet Union. Mr. Shumuk, whose nephew lives in the constituency of Okanagan North, whose member joins me in sponsoring this motion, is 65 years of age and serving the last two years of a ten-year sentence in a special regime corrective labour colony to be followed by five years of internal exile.

In view of the fact that he is a man suffering extreme ill health, this House passed a similar motion on November 3, 1978. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis):

That this House reiterates its deep concern and strongly urges the Soviet Union to immediately release Danylo Shumuk from imprisonment.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

RESTRICTED USE OF AIR-CONDITIONERS IN MINISTERS' CARS— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to propose a motion of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the pressing need for gasoline conservation in this country, in view of the fact that Canadian gasoline consumption increased 2 per cent in the first five months of this year, compared to a decline in most other countries, and in view of the increased consumption of gasoline caused by the use of car air-conditioners, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Burlington (Mr. Kempling):

That this House instruct all ministers to put the long-term interest of this country ahead of their personal comfort and advise their drivers that it is not necessary to leave the air-conditioners of their cars running for long periods while they foul the atmosphere as a result of interminable cabinet meetings this summer.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

PROJECTS IN GASPÉ AND ATLANTIC CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity for which I seek the unanimous consent of the House.

Whereas the December 11 budget provided \$50 million for development projects in the Atlantic provinces and the Gaspé, and whereas this additional \$50 million would give DREE the largest budget in its history, and whereas the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion has indicated his department is not sufficiently funded to meet the development needs of Canada's underdeveloped regions, I move, seconded by the hon, member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the government be directed to immediately implement the provisions of the December 11 budget, making an additional \$50 million available for regional development projects in Atlantic Canada and the Gaspé, and that these projects be identified by the minister responsible for Regional Economic Expansion.