The Late President Johnson

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# ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

### COMMUNICATIONS

VANCOUVER MARINE AERADIO STATION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I ask leave of the House to propose a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In November, 1972, the Minister of Transport undertook an austerity program. One result was to cut back the staff of professional radio operators at the Vancouver Marine Aeradio station. This has reduced the staff to the point where adequate service cannot be provided—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member cannot make a speech in support of a motion under Standing Order 43. I have had occasion in the past to remind hon. members of the very special circumstances which attach to a proposed motion under Standing Order 43. Because there is no opportunity for reply or debate, such a motion should be accompanied only by a brief statement indicating the urgency. There should not be argument in support of the proposed motion.

Mr. Reynolds: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I will now make the motion. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan Boundary (Mr. Whittaker):

That the Minister of Transport take action to ensure that Vancouver Marine Aeradio station be allocated sufficient job categories of appropriate classification so that the station is adequately and efficiently manned at all times to provide effective air-sea search and rescue service.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta. This motion, proposed under the terms of Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity; the hon. member's motion cannot be put.

#### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ATLANTIC CANADA—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the following serious matters relating to the economic well-being of Atlantic Canada, namely, the reported phasing out of Nova Scotia's joint federal-provincial planning board, the impending decision involving federal aid to the vitally needed \$32 million Pock-Wock water development for the

city of Halifax, and the withdrawal of Volkswagen Limited from Saint John, New Brunswick, because of lack of port facilities and infrastructure, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That these matters be immediately referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development for serious and detailed consideration.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

### COMMUNICATIONS

BELL CANADA RATE INCREASE APPLICATION—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, in view of the continuing rise in Bell Canada profits and earnings per share I move, pursuant to Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Harney):

That the federal government do now formally appear before the Canadian Transport Commission to state its opposition to Bell Canada's application for further rate increases.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity. The motion cannot be put.

# **ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

### **AIRPORTS**

PICKERING TOWNSHIP SITE—DECISION ON PROCEEDING WITH CONSTRUCTION—AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS TO INTERESTED PARTIES

Mr. Ron Atkey (St. Paul's): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Has the minister made up his mind on whether to proceed with a second Toronto airport at Pickering? Both he and the Minister of Public Works have had the report from the public hearings since January 5, and I wonder whether we can have a decision today?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, this decision is not to be taken by the Minister of Transport alone but by the cabinet; it will probably be made in a few days.