

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, July 2, 1975

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FINANCE

REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON IMPOSITION OF GASOLINE TAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion which I trust hon. members opposite will seriously consider. In view of the exasperation and indignation of Canadians created by the method of imposing the 10 cents per gallon gasoline tax, increasing the cash flow requirements of bulk dealers, retailers and consumers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin):

That the House of Commons request the Minister of National Revenue to place a moratorium on this gasoline tax until the issue has been fully debated or until such time as a more acceptable method of administering it is instituted.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The motion being moved pursuant to Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

PENITENTIARIES

REQUEST FOR PERIOD OF SILENCE IN SYMPATHY WITH FAMILY OF PAUL GOSSELIN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the terms of Standing Order 43, I request unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

As the Public Service Alliance of Canada decreed that today, July 2 would be a day of national mourning for the death of a penal agent, namely Mr. Paul Gosselin, who died under circumstances everyone is aware of, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Frontenac-Lennox and Addington (Mr. Alkenbrack):

That this House observe the minute of silence as a tribute of condolences to the bereaved family.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, the motion

requires unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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FINANCE

SUGGESTED REBATE OF GASOLINE TAX TO OLD AGE PENSIONERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering the already critical financial circumstances of a great many of our senior citizens who must be satisfied with nothing more than their old age security pension and income supplement cheque, and in view of the fact that some of them have only their cars as means of transportation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin):

That old age pensioners be reimbursed the special 10 cent tax on every gallon of gas.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.

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[English]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

SUGGESTED RESIGNATION OF SOLICITOR GENERAL IN VIEW OF ALLEGED FAILURE TO UPHOLD LAW IN RESPECT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I rise to propose a motion in a case of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the continuing lack of adequate security within our federal prisons and penitentiaries, and because of the increasing discontent by federal prison guards and police