

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 16, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

SEARCH AND RESCUE

CRASH OF C-130 HERCULES AIRCRAFT—CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF VICTIMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 in connection with the tragic event of yesterday when eight servicemen lost their lives in the performance of their duty, in this case a search for a lost aircraft. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That this House extends its condolences and sympathy to the families of these young men.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Moved by Mr. McKinnon, seconded by Mr. Ellis:

That this House extends its condolences and sympathy to the families of these young men, meaning those who lost their lives in the performance of their duty, in this case a search for a lost aircraft.

Does the House agree to the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

WITHDRAWAL OF WEATHERSHIPS FROM WEST COAST WEATHER STATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I too seek the unanimous consent of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the decision of the previous government to maintain the west coast weather-ships on station and of Canada's international commitments with respect to weather reporting, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond-South Delta (Mr. Siddon):

That this government be required by this House to reverse its decision with respect to withdrawing the weather-ships from the west coast weather station,

and hold those ships in place until such time as an automated recorder and transmitter are developed and in place.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

WAR MEASURES ACT

CALL FOR REPEAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that since 1976 Canada has committed itself to comply with the UN covenant on civil and political rights; in view of the fact that the Liberal government keeps in force the War Measures Act, an oppressive and repressive piece of legislation whose provisions, including the right to introduce retroactive legislation in criminal matters, are a breach of this covenant; and in view of the fact that ten years after the abuses perpetrated under this act, the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) is proposing a charter of fundamental rights which would still maintain all the repressive provisions of the War Measures Act,

[English]

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell):

That this House commends those 16 New Democrats, led by Tommy Douglas, who ten years ago courageously opposed the proclamation of the War Measures Act; and that this House call upon the Prime Minister to announce today his intention immediately to repeal the repressive provisions of the War Measures Act, provisions which violate the United Nations covenant, and support amendments to the proposed charter of rights which would ensure that Quebecois and all Canadians are never again subjected to this reign of tyranny.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.