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EXPRESSION OF REGRET TO SOUTH AFRICA AT MANNER OF DEALING WITH DEATH OF MR. BIKO—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the terms of Standing Order 43. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom):

That this House, having taken note of the mysterious circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Biko, a respected black leader of the South African people, and the extraordinary findings by a court that no one was responsible for his tragic death, instruct the government to express to the authorities of South Africa its regret, both at the tragic event itself and at the manner in which it has been dealt with.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the proposed motion. Is there consent for it to be presented?

Some hon. Members: No!

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MANPOWER

SUGGESTED PROGRAM TO TRAIN EMPLOYEES FOR NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron-Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the fact that the builders of the nuclear power project at Douglas Point have found it necessary to import skilled tradesmen from the British Isles to work on this project, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Grey-Simcoe (Mr. Mitges):

That this House urge the Minister of Employment and Immigration to refer this matter to the Manpower Retraining Division in his department and instruct it to set up a program whereby Canadians will be provided with the necessary training to fill these positions.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion requires unanimous consent before it can be debated. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF TARIFFS ON IMPORTATION OF NICKEL CARBONATE AND FLUORSPAR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. 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. In view of the fact that layoffs in the nickel industry now number over 4,000 and that while this is happening we continue to import nickel carbonate for refineries in Fort Saskatchewan, and in view of the fact that Alcan is laying off workers in a fluorspar mine in St. Lawrence, Newfoundland, and then turning around and purchasing fluorspar from Noranda in Mexico, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

[Mr. Speaker.]

That this House instruct the government to impose a temporary 13 per cent import tariff on nickel carbonate and fluorspar similar to the 13 per cent temporary import tariff on refined nickel by Japan.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Such a motion can be presented for debate pursuant to Standing Order 43 only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

INCOME TAX

ALLEGATION MR. LILLIE CAN OBTAIN CONFIDENTIAL TAX INFORMATION—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Revenue. On Saturday, the Toronto *Globe and Mail* carried a front page report which indicated that an unlicensed Toronto private investigator by the name of James David Lillie had stated that he was the individual who had made available to Charles Templeton and Pierre Berton the personal and confidential tax information from the files of individual Canadians. Further Mr. Lillie was reported to have said to the *Globe and Mail* that he would be able to get the same information about members of the federal cabinet and the Speaker of the House of Commons. May I ask the minister whether he has investigated the claims made by Mr. Lillie in the *Globe and Mail*, and in particular has the minister investigated the possibility that Mr. Lillie may have information from the confidential tax files of the Speaker of the House of Commons?

Hon. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I can assure the House that the RCMP have been investigating Mr. Lillie in connection with this affair right from the outset. To say much more about it at this time might hamper our investigation. I may say further, Mr. Speaker, that the investigation has determined that no access to computer records was involved in this case. The information was obtained from the Vancouver, Montreal and Ottawa district offices of the department by a man who phoned these offices, representing himself as an official of the department needing the information in the pursuit of some taxation matter. The caller—

Mr. Beatty: *Amicus curiae.*

Mr. Guay (St. Boniface): Don't be naive. This was before the Pierre Berton show; keep that in mind. The caller had sufficient knowledge of the internal procedures to fool the employees whom he reached, and these employees innocently supplied him with the information from the paper records. I want to assure you, Mr. Speaker, as I have already said, that I