

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 5, 1974

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS

GEORGE DERBY HOSPITAL LANDS, BURNABY—PRESENTATION OF PETITION

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 67, which in brief prays that approximately 170 acres situated in the municipality of Burnaby be returned to that municipality from the federal government for the original purchase price. I might say that a petition similar in form has been signed by some 9,000 residents of that municipality. If the petition is found to be in order, Mr. Speaker, I hope it will be referred to an appropriate committee of the House for action.

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TRADE

PROPOSED SALE OF LOCOMOTIVES TO CUBA—APPLICATION OF CANADIAN RATHER THAN U.S. LAW—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity dealing with the extraterritorial constraints which are holding up the sale of some \$25 million worth of locomotives to Cuba. Inasmuch as some \$50 million in Canadian public financing has been assigned to the benefit of the Canadian subsidiary involved through the Export Development Corporation, this subservience to foreign laws is intolerable. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Bell):

That the government be instructed by the House to immediately ensure that any company receiving assistance of public funds conduct its operations in Canada solely by rule of Canadian law.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: This motion, under the provisions 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 motion cannot be put.

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TRANSPORT

SHORTAGE OF RAILWAY CARS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek the consent of the House to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity which is not plagiarized from anybody but relates to the continuing refusal on the part of Canadian National Railways to treat fairly northern British Columbians engaged in the lumber industry. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett):

That the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications be authorized to conduct an immediate inquiry into the reasons for there being a continuing shortage of railway cars for lumber products and the reasons why the Canadian Railways in particular seem to be placing lumber producers in north central British Columbia at a disadvantage by not supplying sufficient railway cars, and that the said committee be further authorized to examine the need for the appointment of a railway car co-ordinator to ensure that railways in Canada serve the interests of Canadians on a priority basis.

Mr. Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43. Is there unanimity?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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AGRICULTURE

CATTLE—IMPORTS FROM UNITED STATES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion, seconded by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner), of urgent and pressing necessity and of major concern to all cattle producers, namely in view of the unsettling and detrimental effect on cattle producers and the operators of feedlots caused by the tremendous importation of cattle from the United States into Canada recently, as indicated by the fact that in a most recent week 60 per cent of the kill on the Toronto market were cattle imports, that the government should impose an import duty on cattle imported from the United States of one and one-half cents per pound on the