

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, October 28, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION—TELEVISIONING OF JOINT COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek the permission of the House to move a motion on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

In view of the clear statement by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) last Thursday as reported on pages 3965 and 3969 of *Hansard* that the Special Joint Committee on the constitution could make its own decision on televising its own proceedings, and in view of the fact that on August 22, 1978, the present Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan) ruled, when chairman of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada, that committees did not have the power to authorize the televising of their own proceedings, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That the Prime Minister direct his House leader to bring a motion before the House authorizing the televising of the proceedings of the proposed Special Joint Committee on the proposed constitutional resolution.

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.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION—REPRESENTATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BEFORE JOINT COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, this government has denied representation in Parliament through closure. It now seeks to deny representation in committee to minority and special interest groups by preventing the committee from travelling. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That, to use the government's own words in the very first paragraph of the proposed resolution for constitutional change that within the "reasonable limits as are generally accepted in a free and democratic society with a parliamentary

system of government" groups of Canadian citizens be recognized and enabled to travel to present their case to this joint committee, and that their travel costs be underwritten by this government using perhaps some of their surplus advertising dollars, since this government refuses to allow the committee to go to the people.

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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PENITENTIARIES

DORCHESTER, N.B.—CALL FOR PUBLIC JUDICIAL INQUIRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43 in connection with certain recent events at Dorchester Penitentiary in New Brunswick.

In view of the allegation of the shooting of hundreds of prisoners in a crowded gym by a number of prison guards in June of this year, in view of the escapes of four convicted murderers, in view of the tragic death of a prison guard at Dorchester Penitentiary and the suicide of a prisoner, and finally, in view of allegations of beatings and gassings of prisoners both before and after the tragic hostage-taking incident, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong):

That this House call upon the Solicitor General to commission an independent, public, judicial inquiry into all the recent serious and tragic events at Dorchester Penitentiary in recent months.

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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LABOUR CONDITIONS

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY—PROTECTION OF WORKERS FROM LAY-OFFS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of national concern and of urgent and pressing necessity. Because of the recent news reports which state that Chrysler Corpora-