

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, October 27, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATURAL RESOURCES

CALL FOR ABANDONMENT OF EXPORT TAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion of urgent and pressing importance to the people of British Columbia. In view of the fact that more than 30,000 British Columbians have now signed a petition opposing the implementation of any form of excise tax against the export of natural gas and hydroelectric power from their province; and whereas many thousands of those signatures were tabled in the House of Commons last Friday, I move, seconded by the hon. member for North Vancouver-Burnaby (Mr. Cook):

That the federal government be directed to abandon immediately any plan it has to impose any form of export tax on the natural resources of British Columbia, as any such tax would violate the terms of British Columbia's entry into confederation and can only serve to fuel the flames of secession which are already burning in British Columbia.

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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THE CONSTITUTION

PROPOSED RESOLUTION—OPPORTUNITY OF MEMBERS TO SPEAK—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given the concern in this House that all members who wish will be able to speak and move substantive amendments when the constitutional resolution is reported from committee, and given the government House leader's commitment last Friday to show the same openmindedness as he demonstrated in the first stage of consideration of the constitutional resolution, I

move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this House instruct the government House leader to refrain from the kind of openmindedness which would urge closure to be used after only 24 hours of debate in which more Liberal members than PCs were allowed to speak.

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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IMMIGRATION

REFUGEE STATUS FOR CHILEANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, in view of the situation in Chile concerning the systematic violation of human rights, and considering the fact that Chileans in both Canada and Chile are suffering hardship because of the Canadian government's decision to stick with the previous government's order in council which exempted Chile from the list of countries whose citizens do not require a visa to enter Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instruct the minister responsible for employment and immigration to revoke this totally inappropriate order in council so that once again Chileans can apply for refugee status.

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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● (1410)

ENERGY

POSSIBLE REFINERY TAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43. It has come to my attention that a high ranking government official advised the cabinet through at least one minister to implement an energy refinery tax rather than impose an energy export tax. In a highly politicized memo written by the government's communications co-ordinator, Mr. Mack Erb, to the Minister of State for Multicultural-