

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 16, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Lithuania became an independent democratic nation on February 16, 1918. It lost that status in 1940 when the country was occupied by the U.S.S.R. Today Lithuanians who live in the free world celebrate their independence day. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton South (Mr. Roche):

That this House recognize the sixty-second anniversary of the declaration of the independence of Lithuania, and join with those Lithuanians who seek an end to Soviet aggression and a return of Lithuania to a free and democratic society.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

CONGRATULATIONS TO ORGANIZERS OF INDEPENDENT CONFERENCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to seek the unanimous consent of the House on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas 1,200 women met this weekend on Parliament Hill to discuss the proposed charter of rights and to ensure that equality for women is enshrined in the constitution, and since these women represented all the provinces and regions of Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Waterloo (Mr. McLean):

That this House congratulate the organizers of the Conference on Women and the Constitution who mobilized, in less than two weeks, this forceful and effective demonstration of women's determination to achieve full equality in our Canadian society.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HEALTH

PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR INUVIK GENERAL HOSPITAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to introduce the following motion. In spite of the fact that the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) has been notified for some time that there has been no anaesthetist and no back-up surgeon at the federally run Inuvik General Hospital since Christmas, thereby not only forcing general surgery patients but also maternity cases to be evacuated to Edmonton some 1,300 miles away, and because the situation remains unchanged and critical, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That a full complement of professional staff be provided for the Inuvik, Northwest Territories, General Hospital, the only hospital within 600 miles, before patients die as a result of the minister's inaction.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOLIDAYS ACT

RECOGNITION OF HERITAGE DAY AS NATIONAL HOLIDAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae), I move:

That this House recognizes that this is Heritage Day, and that congratulations are in order to all those who are celebrating it, including schools, local and national groups and the Governor General, and this House expresses its earnest hope that the government will soon call its own Bill C-37, an act to amend the Holidays Act, for second reading, and that it will agree to an amendment thereto so that starting in 1982 Heritage Day will be a national holiday for all the people of Canada.