

FISHERIES

REFERENCE OF WEST COAST REGULATIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I have some reason to hope that I can get unanimous consent for the following motion. In light of the publication of new regulations governing the fisheries on the west coast, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon):

That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry be provided immediately with an order of reference that will allow it to examine the new fisheries regulations for the sports fishery and herring roe fishery on the west coast and report back to the House.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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Some hon. Members: Agreed.

An hon. Member: No.

Madam Speaker: I just heard a no.

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THE CONSTITUTION

STATEMENT MADE BY LEADER OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The Leader of the New Democratic Party is alleged to have told a Montreal audience on the weekend that a vast majority of his NDP caucus would vote with the government on the Constitution proposals but that a few would follow their conscience and oppose the government. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the leader of the socialists be asked to clarify the innuendo that those who do vote with the government may be doing so at variance with their consciences, that their illegitimate relationship with the Grits may have fuddled their thinking.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Oral Questions

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

CALL FOR NATIONALIZATION ON OCCASION OF CENTENNIAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to remind the House that this is the one hundredth birthday of Canadian Pacific. In view of the fact that CP Limited made \$582 million profit last year resulting from assets given to it by the Canadian people, and since the CPR claims that its side of the bargain, including the Crownest Pass agreement, is a burden too onerous, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That this House wishes CP Limited unhappy birthday and calls upon the government to bring Canadian Pacific Limited under public ownership, return its assets to the people of Canada, and retire its board of directors, including old blue eyes.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

● (1415)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

CHANGES PROPOSED BY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Madam Speaker, my question would have been to the Minister of Justice had he been here. In his absence I will direct my question to the Prime Minister.

The Minister of Justice, on several occasions this weekend, was reported as saying that he will not be considering new amendments of substance to the charter of rights. The Prime Minister will be aware that at a conference this weekend hundreds of women from across the country put forward proposals for major changes to the charter. What I would like to ask the Prime Minister is a very simple question. Was the minister ruling out in advance, on behalf of his government, all the changes that have been proposed to the charter by the women who met in Ottawa this weekend?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I have not seen the statement by the Minister of Justice, but it seems, from the quote given by the hon. lady, that he is saying the same thing as I said, that we are not considering any amendments. However, we know that some amendments may be moved in this House. Of course we will see if they are an improvement to the resolution or not, and we