

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, October 28, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### AGRICULTURE

#### CALL FOR MORATORIUM ON FARM FORECLOSURES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster):** Madam Speaker, Canadian farming is dependent upon credit, but government policies of high interest rates, combined with its refusal to increase the budget of the Farm Credit Corporation and to extend the small business development bond to unincorporated farmers, have contributed to a 147 per cent increase in farm bankruptcies since 1979. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bruce-Grey (Mr. Gurbin):

That this House instruct the Minister of Finance to declare a national moratorium on all farm bankruptcies, foreclosures and forced sales pending the budget, to add at least \$500 million to the Farm Credit Corporation to refinance existing loans, and to extend the small business development bond to unincorporated farmers in the upcoming budget.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

#### COMPILATION OF STATISTICS ON CATTLE EXPORTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin):** Madam Speaker, a good proportion of live cattle exported to the United States from southwestern Alberta clear the border at Kingsgate, British Columbia. In compiling statistics Agriculture Canada considers the border point of exit as the province of origin of these cattle, thus counting these Alberta cattle as coming from British Columbia. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Medicine Hat (Mr. Hargrave):

That the Minister of Agriculture instruct his officials to correct this situation in order that the beef industry can have accurate statistics.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

#### DEMAND FOR ACTION TO ASSIST CATTLE PRODUCERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca):** Madam Speaker, we are in real danger of losing our vitally important beef industry due to high interest rates and high production costs. The cries of cattle producers for real assistance from the government have so far gone unheeded. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kindersley-Lloydminster (Mr. McKnight):

That the Minister of Agriculture immediately address himself to the problems facing our cattlemen with something more than the tired old words we are sick of hearing.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### GUATEMALA—INTER-AMERICAN BANK LOAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The Inter-American Development Bank will soon be considering and voting on a \$20 million loan to Guatemala. As a member of the bank Canada is able to vote on the loan. In Guatemala in recent months there has been a serious increase in terror affecting the Guatemalan population, as well as Canadian church and embassy people. In view of this fact I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans):

That the Minister of Finance instruct our representatives at the Inter-American Development Bank to vote against the granting of the proposed \$20 million loan to Guatemala.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.