

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 5, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### HOUSING

SUGGESTED EMERGENCY DEBATE—MOTION UNDER S.O 43

**Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver-Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. This one really is urgent and pressing. There is a major crisis on the west coast.

The cost of the ordinary home in Vancouver has practically doubled in the past 12 months. Interest rates on mortgages—first and second—make it impossible for the average citizen to afford monthly payments, much less accumulate a down payment. As a result of the government's failure to respond to the massive move of people from east to west, Vancouver is now in a crisis situation. Particularly since a national housing conference is taking place today in Ottawa I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson):

That this House immediately have an emergency debate on the housing crisis facing not only Vancouver but also the country as a result of lack of action by this government.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### POST OFFICE

LACK OF SERVICE IN CALGARY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. John Kushner (Calgary East):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The residents of Whitehorn, Temple, Falconridge and Castle Ridge are being shortchanged and treated as second-class citizens by not being provided with mail delivery of any kind. A year ago studies were promised to resolve this pressing problem. The minister has shown no concern or interest in doing his job, is not doing his job, and has not been to this date. Now he is shunting the problem off

to a Crown corporation; effectively, it will be buried for another year or so.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That this House condemns the Postmaster General for failing to ensure that the residents of Calgary are provided with letter carrier service and requests the minister to take immediate action to provide these residents in Calgary with the same level of service provided to those living in other parts of the city.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East):** Madam Speaker, I want to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Considering the report released yesterday by the Director of Investigation and Research that the major oil companies have combined to fix prices and engage in monopolistic practices, considering that the present combines laws requiring a criminal burden of proof are so inadequate that few convictions have been rendered in the area of monopolistic practices, considering that during the past ten years the government has tabled three bills to strengthen the Combines Investigation Act but none have been passed in this House, and considering that yesterday great interest was shown by all parties in amendments to strengthen the Combines Investigation Act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia):

That this House endorses the government's intention to bring forward as soon as possible amendments to the Combines Investigation Act to deal effectively with monopolies, mergers and price-fixing.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**An hon. Member:** Who said no?

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.