

Oral Questions

Canadian youth cried out for higher education and better training and when senior Canadians asked only for stable costs and a dignified retirement, this government gave them higher taxes, higher interest rates, higher debt, higher inflation, and higher unemployment. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister do the only worth-while remaining act of which they are capable, namely, resign before the downward economic spiral becomes a national economic disaster.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS**CALL FOR RESIGNATIONS OF MINISTER OF FINANCE AND LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, in light of the fact that the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) has forced public employees with low incomes to accept wage controls at the same percentage level as cabinet ministers and other senior bureaucrats and appointees earning over \$100,000 a year, and since the Minister of Finance has encouraged other Canadians to accept this unjust system of sharing the economic burden, and in view of the support for these measures last night by the Leader of the Conservative Party (Mr. Clark) who, on previous occasions, admitted he would also retain the high interest rate policy of the Liberal government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That the Minister of Finance immediately offer his resignation to the Canadian people and, to be consistent with the Liberal-Conservative concept of sharing and solidarity, that the Leader of the Conservative Party also tender his resignation.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS**NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION—IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, the all-party report by the subcommittee on the Northern Canada Power Commission was an excellent documentation of the problems of electrical power generation and distribution north of the 60th Parallel. The recommendations are sound and embody the thinking and direction of all those groups which are affected and involved in this complex matter. The report

was tabled in this House several weeks ago. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cochrane-Superior (Mr. Penner):

That the ministers in charge evolve and table in this House at the earliest opportunity a target time frame or schedule during which the recommendations made in the report are to be implemented.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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METRIC CONVERSION**CALL FOR MORATORIUM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I, along with my fellow Canadians, am disappointed with the horrendous budgetary deficit projection of \$19.6 billion plus and the disconcerting failure of the federal government to curb its own spending. Federal government demands on the borrowing market cannot have other than an inflationary effect on interest rates generally. This government has a double standard, one for the taxpayer and another for itself. It was delinquent in not ferreting out spending cuts which become obvious, extravagant foreign aid giveaways, language programs, rising executive staffs, the metric program, plus \$5 million worth of firecrackers. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson):

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That since Alberta has become the fourth province to exhibit formally its opposition to the forced metric program, by moving to assist Calgary resident Mrs. Kasparian, who has been charged because she used imperial, the government declare a moratorium on advancing the forced metric program, thereby saving at least \$10 million this year alone in federal overhead costs and countless millions to retailers and consumers who will be hardest hit by the forced program.

Madam Speaker: Oral Questions.

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FINANCE**THE BUDGET—INDEXATION OF INCOME TAXES**

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance, who has just had his third strike, and in any honest or honourable government would be out by now. We have had the reaction of the market and the dollar to his budget. The dollar is sliding; the market is slumping dramatically. A lot of Canadians do not yet understand that last night, among other