S.O. 43

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE HONOURABLE J. ANGUS MACLEAN

TRIBUTE TO RETIRING PREMIER OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough): Madam Speaker, this coming weekend marks the end of the long and distinguished political career of the Honourable J. Angus MacLean, Premier of Prince Edward Island. He served in this House for a quarter century and now makes way for his successor at a leadership convention in Charlottetown on Saturday. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cardigan (Mr. Campbell), himself a former Premier of Prince Edward Island:

That this House acknowledges the contribution of the Hon. J. Angus MacLean to his province and country over many years, and expresses its best wishes to him for a happy retirement.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Does the House agree to this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

UPGRADING OF PRINCE GEORGE-PRINCE RUPERT LINE—COSTS CHARGED TO RAILWAY CROSSING LESSEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne McCuish (Prince George-Bulkley Valley): Madam Speaker, the CNR north line between Prince George and Prince Rupert is to be upgraded to accommodate grain and coal unit trains bound for Prince Rupert. The mining and agricultural industries, and the provincial and federal governments will prosper from the increased traffic on this line. Although rural residents will be subjected to an extraordinary increase in noise and air pollutants, the CNR is charging all residents with railways crossing leases upwards of \$2,200 to subsidize the upgrading costs. I therefore move, under Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman):

That the Minister of Transport instruct the CNR to charge this portion of the upgrading to the benefiting industries or to absorb it themselves, but in any event to get off the backs of the suffering low-income lessees.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EDUCATION

FUNDING FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, there are thousands of Canadian students who are neglecting their studies and imperilling Canada's future because they have been worried about the Minister of Finance's (Mr. MacEachen) intentions vis-à-vis the federal government's contribution to post-secondary education. On behalf of those students, and seconded by the hon, for Bow River (Mr. Taylor), I move:

That, when we finally see the federal budget, if there is, for any reason, a need to reduce post-secondary education or health care then this House will demand the immediate resignation of the Minister of Finance.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

SUGGESTED REDUCTION OF FEDERAL SALES TAX ON NORTH AMERICAN BUILT CARS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton): Madam Speaker, Canadian sales of North American built cars suffered a record drop of 34.6 per cent last month, while at the same time Japanese imports increased by a whopping 70 per cent.

In view of the fact that the actions of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gray) in this regard have contributed dramatically to increased employment in Japan while adversely affecting the economy in Canada, resulting in 95 per cent of Canada's North American automotive dealers today being in dire straits, if not indeed on the verge of bankruptcy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That this House instruct the Minister of Finance to include in his forthcoming budget a reduction in the 9 per cent federal sales tax on North American built cars, thus giving the industry time to recuperate from the minister's high interest rate policies.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.