

S.O. 43

between Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That this House requests the Minister of Transport to freeze ferry tolls at their present level, order the 21 new vessels CN Marine needs for east coast ferry and coastal services, and rescind the announced cutbacks of ferry service between North Sydney and Argentia.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE BUDGET

PROVISIONS AFFECTING CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING UNITS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Douglas Fisher (Mississauga North): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Yesterday the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) announced budgetary provisions which will permit the completion of 20,000 residential units, more than 1,000 of which are in my riding of Mississauga North, by providing the exemption of soft costs for sites under construction before January 1, 1982, as well as the deduction from income of the interest on funds borrowed by first-time purchasers of MURBs. I move, seconded by the hon. member for York South-Weston (Mrs. Appolloni):

That this House welcomes this new initiative and applauds the minister for responding immediately to Canada's housing need.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

USE OF ASBESTOS AS TRACK BALLAST—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough): Madam Speaker, the Canadian Pacific Railway has used asbestos, instead of gravel, to stabilize or ballast some 90 miles of rail line in the eastern townships of Quebec. Given that scientists have determined there is no safe level of exposure to asbestos, a known cancer-causing agent, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley):

That this House calls on the Department of the Environment to launch an immediate investigation into the matter with a view to requiring CPR to remove the asbestos from its rail lines in Quebec in order to protect the health of both the railwaymen affected and the public at large.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

ELECTION OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY GOVERNMENT IN
MANITOBA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and joyful necessity. Whereas the Manitoba Conservatives campaigned on a platform of economic restraint known as Reaganomics, and whereas the Manitoba Liberals campaigned on a platform of economic restraint known as MacEachenomics, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-St. James (Mr. Keeper):

That this House congratulates the voters of Manitoba for rejecting both and electing a government that offers a positive economic future for ordinary people.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE BUDGET

PROVISIONS AFFECTING CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Kushner (Calgary East): Madam Speaker, on November 16 Calgary City Council was forced to pass a motion unanimously to spend \$20,000 on an advertising campaign in eastern Canada advising Canadians of the housing shortage in Calgary. Calgary City Council's motion also urged the federal government to reconsider its decision to abandon the MURB program. Therefore, Madam Speaker, as Canada is now in the midst of a housing crisis of enormous proportions, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley):

That this House no longer has confidence in the Minister of Public Works responsible for housing and the Minister of Finance for creating a crisis and disaster situation in housing, for threatening thousands of jobs in construction and other related industries across the country, and that the government reintroduced the MURB and soft-cost allowance program immediately to give urgently needed incentive and hope to people in need of homes.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.