

be entitled to a federal contribution, since it is perhaps at present the only way to meet the economic needs of the area, because the Quebec government, instead of increasing the funds earmarked for its road system, is reducing them.

Madam Speaker: The presentation of such a motion under Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

PENSIONS

CALL FOR INCREASE IN OLD AGE SECURITY PENSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), I move:

That the Prime Minister cease and desist from telling older people to do without things they already do not have in order to pay higher prices for their food, and that instead he agree to an increase in the amount of the old age pension so that Canada's senior citizens can have a decent Christmas and happy New Year.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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WELFARE

PROBLEMS OF SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the increasing magnitude of problems facing the ever-growing number of single parent families, and in view of the fact that 9 per cent of all Canadian families fall into the category of single parent families and about 50 per cent of them have incomes below the poverty level, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields):

That the government give the highest priority to solving the ever-increasing problems of single parent families and make efforts to solve these problems as soon as possible.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

THE ECONOMY

MONTREAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT, 1981—REQUEST FOR MEETING OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the economic development of the Montreal region is tremendously important, and that the city of Montreal, as well as the Quebec and Ottawa governments, have shown considerable interest in various projects, being aware of the conflicting views of the Quebec and Ottawa governments on the economic summit to be held in Montreal next summer, and of the need to favour the interests of metropolitan Montreal residents, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That the House unanimously urge the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to call as soon as possible a meeting of all Quebec and Montreal officials in charge of economic development, to obtain their co-operation and make this summit a tremendous success.

Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE ECONOMY

PROJECTIONS OF ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA RESPECTING WAGES AND SALARIES

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, my question, which I hope will not be too exciting or frenzied, is addressed to the Minister of Finance. It is in connection with the annual report of the Economic Council of Canada made public today. That body, of course, is an independent agency of the government set up to give objective forecasts and estimates. In their report, they project that this year real wages, after discounting for inflation, will be reduced 2.2 per cent for working Canadian men and women. Their real wages will be down 2.2 per cent in real terms this year as a result of inflation and other factors. They forecast that in 1981 they will be down 2.4 per cent and in 1982 they will be down 0.1 per cent. In his budget, the minister forecast a decrease this year of 1.5 per cent, an increase next year of 0.4 per cent and an increase in 1982 of 0.9 per cent.