S.O. 43

[Translation]

FINANCE

REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING AND CIRCULATING MONEY— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 in connection with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Last Monday the President of the Treasury Board tabled the 1979-80 estimates in the House of Commons. Those estimates reveal that the government expects to pay \$8.35 billion in interest on the total debt, which represents a rise of 18.9 per cent over the previous year. Since those interest charges on the debt account for 16.5 cents of every dollar spent by the government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):

That the House request the establishment of a public financial organization responsible for issuing and circulating all currency and credit necessary for a satisfactory operation of the Canadian economy; that no interest be levied on the issuance of any new credit so as to free Canadians from the burden of public borrowings abroad and excessive interest charges on those loans.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, such a motion can be introduced for debate only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin).

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS RESPECTING APPEAL IN CASE OF PETER TREU—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, in spite of the notable lack of applause from the other side, I still hope there will be some suitable disposition in respect of this issue.

Under the same Standing Order, I should like to propose this motion. In light of the unanimous decision of the Quebec Court of Appeal setting aside the conviction of Peter Treu and the circumstances of that decision, I move:

That this House requests the government to forthwith indicate the decision will not be appealed and to consider what action can be taken to make compensation to Mr. Treu for the personal, professional and financial damage he has sustained over the last few years as the tragic result of the investigation, trial and appeal during that time.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion can be presented for debate at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

PUBLIC SERVICE

FINGERPRINTING OF PUBLIC SERVANTS IN NON-SECURITY POSITIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity pertaining to the fingerprinting of public servants in numerous departments, including recent activities in the Department of External Affairs and, in particular, fingerprinting that took place in the past two weeks at the Bourque Building, 305 Rideau Street, of certain members of the national headquarters' staff of the Canada Employment and Immigration Department.

I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

Whereas question No. 9 on the order paper, asking for details of the massive fingerprinting being surreptitiously conducted by the government of public servants in non-security positions, has remained unanswered for two years, and in view of these latest serious incidents, the Prime Minister be required to issue a statement of government policy on the fingerprinting of public servants which appears to constitute a horrendous governmental invasion of privacy and resembles undemocratic procedures practised by fascist and communist police states.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of such motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

REQUEST HOUSE GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO MR. SPEAKER IN IMPROVING HEALTH CONDITIONS OF "HANSARD" OFFICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the terms of Standing Order 43, I make the following proposal:

As the physical and ambient environment influence both the quality and the amount of work produced, as small, unhealthy and polluted offices are harmful to the health of workers, and as the Abbott Commission on Parliamentary Accommodation recommended, as a priority, a marked improvement in the offices of the employees of the House of Commons assigned to