

That the government now commit itself to ship 4 per cent of grain shipments through this port and further commit itself to building a merchant marine so that we can ship our grain on Canadian ships.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

FUNGICIDE CAPTAN—NEED FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. David Crombie (Rosedale): Madam Speaker, I too rise to propose a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Whereas the American government has asked the Captan manufacturers to show cause why Captan should not be banned, and whereas the health protection branch in Canada has urged that a ban, or severe restriction, be placed on Captan, and whereas the Canadian government has refused to make any information public while the Americans published last August their information on potential health hazards, and further, any information Canadians have so far obtained they have obtained from the United States, where it has been public for over nine months, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of National Health and Welfare be directed to make public immediately all information concerning Captan.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PENSIONS PAID TO RETIRED EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Canadian National Railway pensioners were notified last week that they would be getting a cost of living increase in their pension cheques for the year 1981 only. This increase varied from a high of \$25 per month to a minimum of \$8.18 per month for a widow whose husband retired in 1971. While this increase could not be considered satisfactory under any circumstances, the fact that it is for the current year only adds insult to injury.

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

That the Minister of Transport instruct CNR to make this paltry increase a part of the basic pension rate ensuring thereby that these underpaid pensioners will continue to get this money beyond December 31, 1981.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PROPERTY RIGHTS

PRINCIPLE OF PRIVATE OWNERSHIP—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Now that the government has acknowledged the error of its ways, accepted good advice and agreed to amend Bill C-48 to modify the clause dealing with appropriation without compensation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That this House reaffirm and uphold the principle that no private property, ownership rights, or proprietary interests will be expropriated by government or any Crown corporation of government without due compensation and/or access to due process of law.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

HOUSING

ASSISTANCE TO HOME OWNERS TO MEET INCREASED
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. It has to do with the high cost of housing and interest rates. I put it to the Minister of Finance that he is prepared to have his government pay \$1.5 billion for an oil company but is not prepared to come to the aid of Canadians who are facing high interest rate charges and who are faced with the prospect of not being able to renew their mortgages.

The minister will recall that in the throne speech the government promised, and I quote: