

S.O. 43

METRIC CONVERSION

EXEMPTION SOUGHT FOR INDEPENDENT FOOD RETAILERS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of pressing necessity for the small retail food store owners of Canada. At yesterday's emergency meeting for some of the members of the working group on scales, the wishes of the small independent food retailers were overridden by a self-interested group of government and metric scale company employees. This meeting was no more than a setup to lend false justification to the government's policy. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the government finally give at least one part of the small business community in Canada a break and allow some of them to be exempt from these ridiculous regulations—passed by order in council—which force them to buy expensive new metric weigh scales at a time when hundreds of them are staring bankruptcy in the face and are being forced to close their doors.

It should be noted that our national electronic and newspaper networks announced the heir apparent to the Canadian throne in our conventional Canadian form of weights and measures as a strapping, healthy, bouncing boy of seven pounds one and a half ounces.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of today's announced increases in the consumer price index, notably the increase in food costs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Anguish):

That this House recognizes that the increase in the CPI has been 47 per cent in the period 1977 to 1981 and is cognizant that farm costs have risen much faster than the CPI during that period—notably, fuel costs up 85 per cent; fertilizer costs up 70 per cent; tractor costs up 65 per cent; pesticide costs up 50 per cent—and urges that the government forgo the proposed July 1 increase in the energy agreement of \$2.25 a barrel, or seven cents per gallon, which becomes effective September 1.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

PROPOSED FIREWORKS AT YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Once again the Liberal government's priorities are going up in smoke. The city of Yellowknife has been told to take \$83,000 for daylight fireworks or get nothing for the Dominion Day celebrations even though it requested that the money be used for desperately needed health services. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Grey-Simcoe (Mr. Mitges):

That this House demands that the government see daylight by eliminating the wasteful and frivolous expenditures on badges, balloons and fireworks and redirect these funds to other areas in desperate need of additional support such as the bankrupt farmers and the unemployed, and that Yellowknife be commended for taking a practical and common sense stand on this explosive issue.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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DOMINION DAY

FUNDING FOR CELEBRATIONS IN ALBERTA—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In that the federal government has allocated \$270,000 for the Province of Alberta to celebrate Dominion Day at a time when a large number of young married couples are having a hard time buying groceries, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger):

That the \$270,000 be used for the more practical purpose of assisting in some positive way the people who are unemployed, declaring bankruptcy, and are having difficulties putting groceries on the table for their families.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ESTIMATES

VOTE ON FUNDING FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that a vote was taken last night on funding for the