

## S.O. 21

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

## CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, for as long as the Conservative Government has been in office, we have heard about the priority it attaches to reforming the legislation regulating financial institutions. However, we have seen almost no action, despite the failure of two banks and the incidents of large-scale takeovers involving financial institutions.

There have been studies upon studies and a very thorough consultation process, but we have yet to see comprehensive proposals for reform. The Government brought forward two minor and inadequate Bills, one of which is still languishing on the Order Paper. Other Bills were brought forward expressly to deal with regrettable situations which developed simply because there was no legislation in place to prevent them.

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I am sure Members on all sides of the House would join with me in calling upon the Government to take a leadership role in the reform of financial institutions rather than continue to run the risk of being overtaken by events.

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## MEDICAL CARE

## CANCER TREATMENTS—PRACTICE SANCTIONED BY ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

**Mr. W. Paul McCrossan (York-Scarborough):** Mr. Speaker, a serious problem has arisen in Ontario caused by extra billing. The most seriously ill cancer patients, whose major or only hope for recovery is chemotherapy using hyperthermia, are faced with a choice between having the required potentially life-saving treatment immediately at a clinic and paying for both the drugs and the clinic fees themselves, or waiting in a long queue to receive treatment at a hospital with all expenses covered by OHIP.

It was the fear of two-tier medicine developing in Canada, as it has in Britain, with one standard for the rich and another for the poor, which led to amendments to the Canada Health Act respecting extra billing. I am extremely angered that the Ontario Liberal Government itself has in effect introduced government extra billing into Canada through the back door by designing OHIP to cover hyperthermia cancer treatment only if it is performed in a hospital but not if the same treatment is performed in a clinic.

The Liberal Government of Ontario should not introduce two-tier medical treatment into Canada on the backs of the most seriously ill cancer patients.

## SHIPBUILDING

## CONSTRUCTION OF POLAR ICEBREAKER—AWARDING OF CONTRACT

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to comment upon the Government's ill-conceived and cruel public relations stunt in refusing to live up to its promises to the Canadian shipbuilding industry and award a contract for the construction of a Polar 8 icebreaker. We all remember the former Liberal Government and its promise to build an Arctic icebreaker following the voyage of the *Manhattan* through the Northwest Passage, but nothing was ever done.

Just last year the Americans once again penetrated the Northwest Passage without permission. The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) responded to this American expedition by announcing that the Government would proceed immediately with a \$400 million Polar 8 icebreaker project. Like the Liberals, the Tories are all talk and no action. If the Government waits much longer, it will single-handedly eliminate the Canadian shipbuilding and ship repair industry.

The Canadian shipbuilding industry is facing its worst crisis in 50 years. There are fears that employment will drop to below 5,000 people nationally by the end of 1986. Now there is a 50 per cent unemployment rate in the B.C. industry, and this will rise to 80 per cent if the Polar 8 project does not proceed in B.C. yards. B.C. yards had the lowest bid and possessed the greatest icebreaking—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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## AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

## LOCATION FOR NEW PLANT IN ONTARIO

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey—Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, indeed it is welcome news that General Motors and Suzuki have announced that they will be opening a new plant in Ontario for the production of automobiles. This will mean a positive upswing to the economy of the community chosen.

In my riding of Grey—Simcoe, wages and salaries are not commensurate with those paid in many other parts of the province, and unemployment is rife. The Collingwood shipyards, once the largest industry, have reduced their work force from a high of 1,100 to 200. Other industries have closed or have drastically diminished their workforces. In our tourist sector, the majority of workers receive only the provincial minimum wage. The possible location of the auto plant in the riding would be welcome news indeed.

Such a decision would be assured of the greatest co-operation possible by all officials and the people, working together to ensure the highest productivity and to ensure that all employees take advantage of the natural recreational facilities for which we are famous. This re-emphasizes the fact