

## S.O. 43

## SHIPBUILDING

CANADIAN FLEET—SUGGESTION RENOVATION CONTRACTS  
ADVANCED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Considering that the number of workers of the Davie shipyard in Lauzon has been cut by about 200 three weeks ago and that it has dropped from 2,300 last April to 750 now; considering that the consecutive lay-offs have a disastrous effect on the economy of Lévis, Quebec City and the outskirts; considering that the Davie shipyard, which is one of the best equipped in Canada, is virtually jeopardized in its very existence if it does not obtain an important contract in the short term; considering finally that union leaders came to Ottawa last week to draw the attention of federal authorities to this alarming situation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House urge the Treasury Board to sign two years earlier than expected the contract for the renovation of the Canadian fleet in order to ensure that no new lay-offs will increase the already high level of unemployment in this area and jeopardize the survival of an industry which plays an important part in the economy of this area in Quebec.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, the presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[English]

## ESTIMATES

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FORECAST OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING  
AND ESTIMATES TABLED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, eight days ago, on February 22, the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Andras), while tabling main estimates for fiscal year 1979, stated:

Total expenditures for the fiscal year 1977-78 were set at \$44,450 million and . . . we fully expect total spending to be at or below this ceiling.

Yesterday, Supplementary Estimates B were tabled indicating total spending for fiscal year 1977-78 of \$47,600 million. Even using the dubious accounting practice of deducting loan payments and doubling the estimated lapses, spending will still be higher than the ceiling the minister gave the House just one week ago. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington):

[Mr. Speaker.]

That this House ask the President of the Treasury Board to make a statement on motions correcting the erroneous information given the House on February 22, 1978.

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion for debate requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## VETERANS AFFAIRS

CALL FOR RESTORATION OF 1973 PRINCIPLE RESPECTING BASIC  
RATE OF WAR DISABILITY PENSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that yesterday this House dealt with an outstanding matter respecting veterans, I urge that it is now time to deal with another matter which is even more urgent. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House calls on the Minister of Veterans Affairs to take back to cabinet forthwith the question of restoring the basic rate of the war disability pension to the level of the take-home pay of the five categories of federal public servants so designated in 1973, it being the view of this House that good faith calls for such restoration to take place without further delay.

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion for debate, pursuant to this Standing Order, can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

## BILINGUALISM

PROPOSAL SUBSIDY PROGRAM BE DISCONTINUED FOR LA  
FÉDÉRATION DES FRANCOPHONES HORS-QUÉBEC—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jean-R. Roy (Timmins):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an important and urgent matter.

Since the release of a brief submitted to Minister Claude Morin in the province of Quebec by the Fédération des Francophones hors-Québec shows once again that this association does not faithfully reflect the aspirations and objectives of Francophone minorities throughout Canada by linking them to the deplorable separatism of the PQ government through artful plots which actually betray our minorities, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Parent):

That the Secretary of State suspend immediately any grant program for the Fédération des Francophones hors-Québec so that this non-representative and