

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, April 10, 1981

The House met at 11 a.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### INCOME TAX

TREATMENT OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND AND OTHER EAST COAST FISHERMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In February the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Rompkey) visited Prince Edward Island fishermen and assured them they would be dealt with fairly and reasonably with regard to a tax audit of their income. The fishermen have indicated that they do not trust the government, and they fear that their unemployment insurance cheques will be garnished. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House instructs the minister to assure the fishermen of Atlantic Canada that their UI cheques will not be garnished.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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### EMPLOYMENT

CALL FOR CO-ORDINATED PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bud Bradley (Haldimand-Norfolk):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Unemployment rose from 12.9 per cent to 13.4 per cent among young people in Canada in March. The young people of Canada are concerned about job prospects in the future. They want to know what their future will be. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That this House condemns the lack of action by the Minister of Employment and Immigration to produce a co-ordinated program designed to employ Canadians, especially young people.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

## DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

REGIONAL OFFICE PRACTICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Owing to the fact that the Winnipeg office dealing with the Canada community development projects for 1980 advanced moneys to a project before the zoning, bonding or building permit requirements were met by the application sponsors, and that the Winnipeg office further extended the deadlines set for funding the project, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration launch an immediate investigation into these unorthodox practices at his regional offices which undermine the work of members of Parliament and constituency advisory groups.

Until this matter is clarified and corrected, members of Parliament and their advisory groups will not be able to review these applications.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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## BANKS AND BANKING

INTEREST RATES CHARGED BY CHARTERED BANKS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of very urgent and pressing necessity. Some of Canada's chartered banks claim they are losing money or barely breaking even on their credit card operations. I find this extraordinarily hard to believe, considering that banks receive 1.5 per cent per month from at least half of their ten million card holders. In addition, they receive up to 5 per cent per month from merchants who accept credit cards from their customers, which compounds annually to more than 85 per cent. There-