

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 3, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FISHERIES

IMPACT OF INCREASE IN PRICE OF GASOLINE ON FISHERMEN— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order No. 43. Since the disavowal of the East Coast Fisheries and Boundary Treaties by the American administration, excessive overfishing on Georges Bank has glutted the American markets for cod and haddock, resulting in a 33 per cent drop in prices to Canadian fishermen in 1981 as compared with 1980. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie):

That this House deplores the complete lack of principle and concern shown by the government in increasing the price of gasoline by 60 cents per gallon within the past year, including today's 9 cents per gallon, at a time of depressed fish prices, a move which has so seriously affected the Canadian fishermen that they have tied up their inshore fleet in Nova Scotia, since high fuel and operating costs make it uneconomical to continue operations.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

SUGGESTED REVERSAL OF GOVERNMENT POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, the deceitful Lalonde levy of 9 cents per gallon brings the increase in gasoline prices at the pump to 60 cents per gallon, while the price at the wellhead in western Canada remains at \$17.75 per barrel. With the taxpayers of Canada paying \$8.8 million per day to compensate for imported oil from Mexico and Saudi Arabia at \$43 per barrel, giving a clear indication there is no relationship between the wellhead price of \$17.75 per barrel and the price increase at the pump of 60 cents per gallon, which now becomes another broken election promise, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That the House deplores the government's policy and asks the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to reverse immediately the energy policy of this country or resign.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

PETROLEUM TAX INCREASE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. On May 15, 1981, as reported at page 9637 of *Hansard*, the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) promised the House that he was not proposing to introduce any energy tax increases by the end of the year except as a result of production cutbacks in Alberta. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid):

That the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources immediately rescind that part of the petroleum tax increase related to higher imports and the lower Canadian dollar and not related to production cutbacks.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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IMMIGRATION

CUT IN FUNDING FOR SERVICES AND ADAPTATION PROGRAM— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the Department of Employment and Immigration cutting back the funding of the Immigration Services and Adaptation Program by 30 per cent this year, and considering that this will severely curtail the services provided by projects such as Operation Lifeline in Toronto which are involved in employment counselling and education for immigrants, and in view of the minister's task force which overwhelmingly pointed out that immigrants need these services, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the minister change his decision to cut back the funding of the Immigration Services and Adaptation Program in order that vital refugee and immigrant services can continue to be provided.