POLITICAL PARTIES

ECONOMIC POLICY OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY-MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 concerning statements made by the finance critic for the Conservative Party during the weekend in Toronto and yesterday in Montreal, in which he praised the discredited and heartless economic doctrine known as Reaganomics as "something that we would be doing if we were a government", and agreed with the high interest rate policy of the federal Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen). I move, seconded by the hon, member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That this House thank the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre for finally clarifying his party's stand on this important issue, even though it contradicts his leader's call for expanded government programs, such as housing, and urges his colleagues to take note of this clarified position and drop their hypocritical opposition to MacEachenomics which is really just a made-up-in-Canada form of Reaganomics.

Mr. Clark: Where were you for the vote?

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

CANADA POST

INCREASE IN CHARGES FOR USE OF MAIL BOXES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Hal Herbert (Vaudreuil): Madam Speaker, my motion is on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity and is proposed under Standing Order 43. Many persons living in towns and not eligible, by Post Office regulation, to have the benefit of home mail delivery, are now being subjected to a 200 per cent increase in the charge they must pay for the use of a convenience box to pick up their mail at the post office. I therefore move:

That the Post Office be instructed to discontinue forthwith the usurious charge for not having a postman, and further, that the Post Office cease immediately the obligatory charge for a change of address card for persons like myself who have lived in the same house on the same street in the same town for the last thirty-five years.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

S.O. 43

CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

REGULATIONS GOVERNING SERVICE TO HEARING-IMPAIRED TELEVISION VIEWERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, given that the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox) promised a year ago that CRTC regulations would be amended quickly to allow Canadian cable television companies to substitute simultaneously an American signal for a Canadian signal where circumstances warranted it in order that hearing-impaired Canadians could enjoy closed captioned programs broadcast by U.S. stations, and whereas these amendments have still not been passed and many Canadians continue to be deprived of this unique and useful communications aid, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman):

That this House direct the Minister of Communications to expedite promised amendments to the broadcast regulations so that hearing-impaired Canadians may soon be able to enjoy television and the benefits of closed captioned programming which are presently available on a widespread basis in the United States.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

CENTRALIZATION OF DEPARTMENT'S LABORATORIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43. Last week several of my colleagues and I inspected some of the chemical waste dumps in Niagara, New York, that are already responsible for pollution in Lake Ontario. If that is not enough of a scandal, the senior management committee of Environment Canada has accepted in principle a plan to curtail drastically the technical ability of its four testing laboratories by centralizing their work in Burlington, Ontario. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That this House condemn the creeping Reaganism in the Department of the Environment and that this House urge the minister to reject this proposal that will diminish the effectiveness of the department to work with regional universities and to respond to regional problems and conditions.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.