

S.O. 43

[Translation]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

ROLE OF CHARTERED BANKS IN DEVALUATION OF CANADIAN DOLLAR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion relating to a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In light of the accusations made against certain American banks which are under investigation by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, given the fact that the accusations are to the effect that some banks lower the value of the dollar by selling large amounts and buying them back at a lower price a few hours later, and also given the fact that these banks once they have made a profit, use their subsidiaries in the Caribbean, where taxes are not as high, to evade the revenue department, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House request the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) to proceed to an investigation to determine the responsibility of Canadian banks in the fall of the Canadian dollar.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion can be put for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

TRADE

EXPORT SALES OF GRAIN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago the United States Congress passed emergency legislation to provide credit for export sales of grain to China. This action by the United States government will, without doubt, endanger Canadian exports of grain.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin):

That this House instruct the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce to immediately reverse his decision to cut back the interest subsidies on export sales of grain and the market incentive program for grains and oilseeds.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

HEALTH AND WELFARE

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mike Landers (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that provincial facilities for children with learning disabilities are presently inadequate, and in view of the fact that the learning disability of a child is often health-related, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Lee):

That this House urges the Minister of National Health and Welfare to investigate the possibility of a federal-provincial conference with a view to providing adequate facilities for children with learning disabilities.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be introduced for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FISHERIES

ALLEGED HARMFUL EFFECT OF DEVELOPMENT OF ROBERTS BANK, B.C.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. This motion concerns the proposed massive development of the Roberts Bank superport in British Columbia.

In view of the serious impact to future enhancement of Fraser River salmon runs and other foods fisheries by the degradation of the Fraser estuary in this project, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That a moratorium be announced in respect of this project until the following take place:

(1) A full public inquiry dealing with the need for rationalization of all west coast ports, including Roberts Bank;

(2) A proper estuary authority, composed of federal, provincial and municipal representatives, be formed to prevent destruction of the Fraser estuary.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time can be done, pursuant to Standing Order 43, only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF PRESIDENT OF SPAIN

Mr. Speaker: Before beginning the oral question period, I know that all hon. members will want to join with me in