

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 25, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE ENVIRONMENT

ACID RAIN—SUGGESTED TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION WITH U.S. PRESIDENT REAGAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that a recent Canada-U.S. scientific study documented in great detail the fact that acid rain is devastating the environment of both countries, including as many as 4,000 lakes killed in Ontario alone, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley):

That this House urge the Prime Minister to make the growing crisis of acid rain a major agenda item in his forthcoming discussions with the United States President in Ottawa.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

CALL FOR INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that research and development are the foundation on which rests not only tomorrow's jobs but upgraded career opportunities for all young Canadians, and in light of the fact that the most recent utterances of the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Roberts) have changed nothing in Canada with respect to research and development, and furthermore that only Ireland and Iceland, of the free-world industrial nations, spend less on industrial research and development, as a percentage of GNP, than Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough East (Mr. Gilchrist):

That the Minister of State for Science and Technology stop playing roulette with the future of young Canadians, and develop an industrial strategy based on Canadian technological superiority.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE ECONOMY

YOUTH ENERGY-EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina):** Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The unemployment rate for young Canadians between the ages of 15 and 24 was a staggering 14.6 per cent last month, yet at the same time the federal government continues to promote a National Energy Program that discourages the progress and expansion of the Canadian oil industry which has the potential to employ many thousands of these young people. In view of this disgraceful situation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields):

That this House direct the Minister of Employment and Immigration to confer immediately with his colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, to see if, between the two of them, they can produce a reasonable energy-employment strategy which will put our youth to work, and help Canada to reach its goal of energy self-sufficiency by 1990.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

DEALINGS IN SHARES OF PETROFINA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the fact that Insiders Reports filed with the Ontario Securities Commission, dated January 23, 1981, show that four officers of Petrofina Incorporated sold shares and options over a short period in January of this year, resulting in a profit in excess of \$400,000, and in view of the fact that one officer in particular purchased 1,000 shares on January 16 for