

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 18, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HOUSING

PROGRAM OUTLINED IN SPEECH FROM THE THRONE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In the Speech from the Throne delivered on April 14, 1980, when the mortgage interest rate was 16 per cent, the government said it would assist those unable to bear the burden of renegotiating home mortgages, but later cancelled the alleged program of assistance because the interest rate decreased. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Clarke):

That this House direct the government to keep its promise made in the Speech from the Throne to assist those Canadians who cannot afford the home mortgage interest rate which today exceeds 16 per cent in most of Canada by providing the promised program of assistance.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FISHERIES

PROGRAMS OUTLINED IN SPEECH FROM THE THRONE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the promises made in the throne speech that the government would undertake major initiatives to ensure the quality of fish products, to ensure orderly marketing, and to guarantee adequate investment in the fishing sector, through partial cost recovery, and whereas none of these promises has been fulfilled over the past 12 months, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Malpeque (Mr. Gass):

That this House condemns the inaction of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in failing to carry out the promises made to Canadian fishermen in the Speech from the Throne, and directs him to take immediate initiatives which will restore the economic potential of Canada's fishing industry.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

LEGISLATION OUTLINED IN SPEECH FROM THE THRONE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Notwithstanding the government's promise of April 14, 1980, in the Speech from the Throne, to provide employment opportunities for handicapped Canadians and to add new legislative protections to the Human Rights Act, the government vacillated on entrenching the rights of handicapped persons and said the status of handicapped persons could not be defined. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this House condemns the government for failing to fulfil its promise to handicapped Canadians to introduce legislation amending the Human Rights Act to protect the rights of the handicapped in addition to any recognition granted by a charter of rights.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): 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 there are reports of the Conservative-Rhino coalition breaking down and that card-carrying red rhinos have found problems in obtaining invitations to next week's party convention, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):