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of the market taken by the domestic producers would have continued to decline, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sherbrooke (Mr. Pelletier):

That the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gray) look fully into the possibility of taking special steps to protect other than rubber footwear in countries with low salaries, in order to allow Canadian industries to proceed with their restructuring.

[English]

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

CREATION OF ECONOMIC SLACK—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, in view of the unprecedented and alarming numbers of bankruptcies and near bankruptcies among energy-related small businesses in western Canada, directly as a result of the federal government's energy policies, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That this House request a statement from the Prime Minister and the minister responsible for energy, confirming the policy of creating deliberate economic slack and uncertainty so as to place the federal government in a position of dominance in its avowed aims of socializing the oil and gas industry.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

REVIEW OF COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, the continuing internal conflict within the Advisory Council on the Status of Women was illustrated yesterday by the announcement of two more resignations and two transfers from the highly qualified research staff. It was also confirmed that a former employee will sue the council. At this very time groups representing women from all walks of Canadian life are calling for a constructive and objective review of the advisory council in order to restore its credibility. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

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That this House demand a full, external and independent review of the composition and function of the advisory council.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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METRIC CONVERSION

SUGGESTED POSTPONEMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, the United States Congress has decided at this time to take the advice of the American Metric Commission not to proceed with metric conversion in retail stores in the United States.

The steering group for scale conversion in Canadian food stores met recently in Canada and they unanimously agreed that they should not proceed with metric in the retail food stores in Canada, not being in concert with the United States. Since the Metric Commission insists on full speed ahead and damning the torpedoes, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I move, seconded by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington):

That this government introduce at once legislation prohibiting the Metric Commission from proceeding with its course of forced metric conversion in the retail food sector without first obtaining either the consent of the retail merchants in Canada or the Canadian consumers.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

RIGHT TO LIFE OF UNBORN CHILDREN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Recognizing that Clause 7 of the proposed charter of rights purports to guarantee "everyone the right to life" but that in the recent case of *Dehler v. Ottawa Civic Hospital*, on which leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada has now been denied by that court, our courts have indicated that unborn persons are not recognized as protectable persons, and fearing that the entrenchment of the proposed wording would render it unconstitutional for the Parliament of Canada to enact legislation to protect unborn Canadians, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Grey-Simcoe (Mr. Mitges):

That Clause 7 be amended to read as follows:

Everyone, including unborn human beings, has the right to life. Everyone has the right to liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.