

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, February 26, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

• (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADIAN FEDERATION

CONDEMNATION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek unanimous consent to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Noting that since the member for Mount Royal (Mr. Trudeau) first became Prime Minister in 1968, the federal government's share of total government spending in Canada has increased from 40.5 per cent to 41.9 per cent, and noting that the actions of the present federal government have contributed to division in the country, the election of a separatist government in the province of Quebec, and the election of a separatist member to the Alberta legislature, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That this House condemns the deliberate abandonment by the federal government of the principles which have kept Canada together since 1867.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTED ADOPTION OF AID PLAN MODELLED ON SPANISH
PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, in the February 12 edition of *The Financial Times* of London it was reported that the Spanish Minister of Agriculture had created a \$700 million loan and aid program for farmers. The Spanish government and the banks are co-operating in making available to Spanish farmers ten-year loans at 7 per cent interest. In light of this farsighted action by Spain, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington):

That the Minister of Agriculture instruct his officials to investigate this program with the view to initiating a similar plan in Canada in aid of our hard-pressed agricultural sector.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALTA.—CALL FOR INCLUSION IN SPECIAL
INVESTMENT TAX PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Madam Speaker, the city of Grande Prairie was excluded from the special investment tax credit program in 1980. This area recently has experienced severe hardship, thanks to the National Energy Program and the recent knock-out blow from the budget, and now Proctor and Gamble has begun laying off employees. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Haldimand-Norfolk (Mr. Bradley):

That the Minister responsible for regional economic expansion administer immediate first aid through this tax credit program so that we may once again see this area recover and grow.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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RAILWAYS

CROWSNEST PASS RATE—CALL FOR HALT TO MINISTER'S
PROPOSAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Laverne Lewycky (Dauphin): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity. Considering that over 300 farmers in Swan River met on February 22 at a meeting sponsored by the local of the Manitoba Pool and passed the following resolution:

Whereas the federal government has announced its intention to break the historic Crowsnest Pass Agreement, and whereas the statutory Crow rate is a historic right of western farmers and the only concession ever granted to western