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program is inadequate and should be raised to a more realistic level. With the current situation of unprecedented high interest rates and low commodity prices, the need for such an adjustment is even more critical to the western Canadian economy. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the federal government proceed as quickly as possible to initiate the legislative amendments required to bring the maximum under the cash advance program to a more realistic level.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VIA RAIL

PURCHASING PREFERENCE POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, given his penchant for buying foreign equipment whenever possible while chairman of the National Harbours Board, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the Minister of Transport issue direct instructions to the new president of VIA Rail to give Canadians, at all times, first preference in purchasing equipment and supplies.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

STATEMENT MADE BY MEMBER FOR PRINCE GEORGE-PEACE RIVER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I rise to present a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. On June 17, the Tory member for Prince George-Peace River spoke in this House about funding and native leadership in regard to the upcoming Constitution conference. He said:

—in British Columbia responsible native political leaders have been starved out and the department has purchased itself the kind of help from among the Indians who may be prepared to sell out their brothers and sisters for their own selfish gain. They will no doubt be the representatives at the conference.

Whereas this is a typically irresponsible kind of Tory muckraking and venomous, slanderous attack on the democratically elected Constitutional conference leadership, including the democratically elected spokesman James Gosnell from the Nishga tribal council, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly):

That the Leader of the Conservative Party have these vicious remarks withdrawn, or admit that in leaving them on the record they stand as Tory policy for the upcoming federal election.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

DEMAND THAT NEW BUDGET BE INTRODUCED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, rather than scaring the hell out of Canadians by creating unemployment, as the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) advocated this past weekend in Alberta—

Mr. Peterson: He did not.

Some hon. Members: Yes, he did.

Mr. Elzinga: —I urge the government to act quickly to stimulate the economy and cushion the adverse effects on the average Canadian. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields):

That the Minister of Finance immediately roll back all provisions of his November, 1981, budget and the National Energy Program, and table a new budget immediately which will stimulate the economy and restore investor confidence in Canada, putting Canadians back to work and lowering interest rates.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

SUGGESTION PRIME MINISTER CALL GENERAL ELECTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, two of the major chartered banks in Canada raised their mortgage interest rate to over 19 per cent on Friday, and the others are expected to follow suit this week. The banks have obviously taken note of what the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) said in western Canada over the weekend when he defended his government's tight money policy as a means of "scaring hell out of the people". In light of the fact that what really scares Canadians the most is the continued reign of a government which has mismanaged the economy of this nation