

S.O. 43

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO BANKING SYSTEM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Fabien Roy (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity—a motion which, hopefully, will be unanimously supported.

In view of the fact that Canada is currently facing a difficult economic and financial situation, that interest rates are higher than ever before in the history of our country, that the chartered banks stand to gain most from this situation and accumulate scandalously high profits, that these institutions are not required to submit individual reports by regions or provinces, and that the chartered banks enjoy exclusive rights and privileges with regard to granting credit to the Canadian society, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the House recommend to the government the establishment of a royal commission of inquiry into the Canadian banking system.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

DISCUSSION AT UPCOMING MEETING OF FIRST MINISTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that 900,000 women over the age of 65 in this country are below the poverty line, and in view of a persistent and increasing wage gap wherein the average wage of a woman is 60 per cent of that of a man—a figure which represents only in part the deprivation of women in Canada—and in view of the need for a whole arsenal of support systems for women wishing to work outside the home, including child care facilities, retraining centres, secure unemployment, maternity and pension benefits,

[Mr. Speaker.]

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Timmins-Chapleau (Mr. Chenier):

That the Prime Minister, on recognizing the urgency of this pressing national issue, act unilaterally to replace the topic of women as an agenda item before the first ministers' meeting next week.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion can be introduced only by unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

PUBLICIZING OF U.S.S.R. DOCUMENT ON PLAN FOR MILITARY ACTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent necessity concerning the angry reactions, particularly this morning, from Moscow concerning the deployment of further nuclear missiles by the United States and NATO allies in western Europe, and at the same time the existence of a restricted British intelligence document, ten pages of which are in my possession and which I intend to give immediately to the Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. McKinnon). I move, seconded by the hon. member for York North (Mr. Gamble):

That the Canadian government request the government of the United Kingdom to make public a document entitled "Soviet Military Doctrine and Order of Battle", approximately 100 pages in length, detailing the entire plan of the Soviet armed forces for military action, including nuclear, against the west and, finally, that this should be done particularly to put a stop to the Soviet Union indulging in the old habit of the pot calling the kettle black.

Mr. Speaker: The introduction of such a motion for debate, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done only with unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LIGHTING IN CHAMBER FOR TELEVISION BROADCASTING

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Before commencing the oral question period, may I point out to members something which they may not have noticed. We are undergoing in the House an experiment with lighting. There has been an installation of lights high in the ceiling on one side, in the hope of being able to relieve the severity of the lighting that is placed lower down. This is experimental only. I should not, I suppose, add that the technicians hope the experiment will last more than one day. In any case, the experiment is there and the technicians have asked me and our colleagues in the House to evaluate this