

The Canadian Economy

Mr. Lundrigan: Fullblooded Canadians. The matter involves the August unemployment rates released today showing, in actual numbers, 455,000 Canadians unemployed, the highest number for the month of August since the beginning of the compilation of statistics by DBS in 1946. Because of the obvious urgency of this problem, coupled with other economic indicators which show dramatically the current critical state of the economy, I should like to move the following motion, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

This House directs the government to immediately launch a series of initiatives explicitly and purposely aimed at the amelioration of the domestic economic problems facing this nation, and that these initiatives include the preparation of a massive winter works program, and that the energies of all related government departments be directed toward this end in an effort to alleviate what will otherwise become the bleakest winter in recent Canadian history.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

MEASURES TO STIMULATE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS
CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I ask leave to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland):

That in view of the dismal prospects for the coming winter, forewarned in the statistics released this morning, this House urges the government to bring forward immediately measures to stimulate the economy to prevent a repetition of the high levels of unemployment experienced last winter.

Mr. Speaker: Again this motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The point of order I wish to raise with Your Honour is that the record should show that on each of the three motions sought to be moved under Standing Order 43 the Liberal members objected.

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[Translation]

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS
TABLING OF CANADA YEAR BOOK

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, in compliance with the practice adopted last year and the wishes you expressed in 1968—

[Mr. Lundrigan.]

and, to me, your wishes are orders—in order to hasten the distribution of the Canada Year Book, I am pleased to table today, in both languages, under Standing Order 41 (2), two copies of the work in question.

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR DISMISSAL OF CHARGES
ONE YEAR AFTER STAY OF PROCEEDINGS DIRECTED

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-266, to amend the Criminal Code (stay of proceedings).

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Brewin: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to provide, where provincial Attorneys General direct a stay of proceedings in a criminal case, that after a year's lapse the charges shall be deemed to have been dismissed. The purpose is to remedy the situation revealed recently in the province of Quebec where the Attorney General of that province entered a stay of proceedings against 36 persons charged under the War Measures Act or the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act, and it was claimed that the effect of this action was that the charges could be revived at any time and thus hung over the heads of the persons accused indefinitely without giving them a chance to prove their innocence. The proposed amendment, Mr. Speaker, was recommended a year ago by the Canadian Bar Association.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

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AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE AND JULY-AUGUST
PRICE INCREASE

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Harding), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the unprecedented combination of the highest number of unemployed on record for the month of August and the highest July-August price increase in ten years.

Mr. McGrath: Shame!

• (2:20 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Broadview has given the Chair the notice required under Standing Order 26. I recognize that the matter raised in this proposed motion is one of serious importance. However, the Chair has to take into account whether there is immediately before us an opportunity for debate of the matter proposed for consid-