

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 5, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HOUSING

MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the fact that Statistics Canada yesterday reported that the number of people filing unemployment insurance claims was up 10 per cent over a year ago and that benefits paid were 12 per cent higher than a year ago, and in light of the budget's almost total lack of action to stimulate activity in the labour-intensive Canadian-owned housing sector, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn):

That the government immediately bring in measures to enable more affordable family housing units to be built to fill the estimated required 47,000 units over 1980-81, thus simultaneously meeting both social and economic needs.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

EXEMPTION OF CHIP GRANTS FROM TAXATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise under the authority of Standing Order 43 to present a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas the homes of thousands of low and middle-income families require insulation to keep out the cold and to conserve energy, whereas the price of home insulating materials continues to increase while the grants remain constant, and whereas the government makes a good fellow of itself by providing funds to insulate such homes and then takes back a chunk of the money by making the said grants taxable, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Elzinga):

That the members of this House request the government to desist from this hypocrisy and exempt the funds from income tax provisions.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

CALL FOR PROGRAM TO ALLEVIATE MORTGAGE INTEREST COSTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent necessity. As a result of the inept fiscal policies of this government bidding out other borrowers in the financial markets, interest rates have started to rise dramatically. Increased interest costs are particularly damaging to young people and people with low and moderate incomes trying to pay for a home. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That this House direct the Minister of Finance to produce forthwith a program to alleviate mortgage interest costs in excess of 12 per cent, payable by people with low and moderate incomes.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR DISPUTES

RADIO-CANADA—CALL FOR GOOD FAITH BARGAINING WITH UNION OF JOURNALISTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given the fact that journalists of Radio-Canada are now on strike, and given the fact that this strike has deprived Francophones across Canada of national news for more than a week, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the Secretary of State use his good offices to urge the board of directors of Radio-Canada to bargain in good faith with the union of journalists.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?