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Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this • (1410) motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon, Members: No.

THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT OF MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR DISABLED PERSONS

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The Special Parliamentary Committee on the Disabled and Handicapped in its all-party unanimous "Obstacles Report" strongly recommended and urged that a minister responsible for the disabled be designated, whose sole responsibility would be to represent in cabinet the needs and concerns of disabled persons, to act as a political advocate and to formulate new Government policies and programs on behalf of all disabled persons. I hope I may have the support of all sides of the House in moving, seconded by the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson):

That the Prime Minister, at the earliest opportunity, appoint a minister responsible for disabled persons.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

POLITICAL PARTIES

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY POLICIES

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, the squabble between the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), who proposes high surtaxes on workers' earnings as a solution to our economic problems, and Dennis McDermott, the real leader of the New Democratic Party, who insists, on the other hand, on increasing the \$23 billion Liberal deficit, must pain all true socialists such as the Right Hon. Member for Mount Royal (Mr. Trudeau) or the Hon. Member for Outremont (Mr. Lalonde). Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson):

That, if the New Democratic Party insists on public self-destruction, then at least it have the common decency to crawl away and die quietly.

Madam Speaker: The Hon. Member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer).

CANADA POST CORPORATION

REDUCTIONS IN RURAL SERVICE

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Canada Post is attempting to cut expenses and decrease its over-all deficit by reducing many customer services. Rural residents are being asked to accept reduced service on rural routes and shorter operating hours of local post offices. This has had the effect of some residents being without mail delivery for as long as four days. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the Post Office be instructed to have its officials confer with local residents and business people before any changes in postal service are made, in an effort to provide an equitable distribution of mail in rural areas.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

MINES AND MINING

USE OF IRON ORE COMPANY PROFITS

Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Brian Mulroney, President of the Iron Ore Company, announced yesterday that the company's mine in Schefferville, Quebec, would be shutting down, throwing 285 people out of work and all but destroying the community. He gave as one reason for this the ore being produced in foreign countries and subsidized by foreign governments.

It has since come to my attention that the Iron Ore Company is connected to one of these foreign companies in Brazil, through the Hanna Mining Corporation, an American company which also owns part of the Iron Ore Company. In view of the large profits made recently by the Iron Ore Company which may have left the country to develop iron deposits in places such as Brazil, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis):

That the Government investigate the possibility that Canadian miners are producing profits for Iron Ore and other companies and that these profits are then being used to destroy the jobs of Canadians miners.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.