

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 2, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HOUSING

STANDARDS FOR INSULATION CONTRACTORS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the widespread complaints being registered about unscrupulous insulation contractors who are taking advantage of the CHIP program to defraud both the federal government and home owners, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That installers of insulation under the CHIP program be required to conform to the stringent standards of safety and quality including the minimum R-value rating, material restrictions, mandatory fire-stops, attic vents, electrical fixture shields and vapour barriers and that the minister responsible be hereby instructed to enter immediately into an agreement which would empower municipal building inspectors to certify all installations as a condition of approval of payment to any contractor from CHIP program funds.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXCISE TAX

CALL FOR RESCISSION OF TAX ON NATURAL GAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas price increases of natural gas drastically affect chemical and fertilizer prices which promote more summerfallow and less extensive use of land, which means less production, lower dollar return, less machinery purchased and fewer manufactured goods used, all of which tighten the cost-price squeeze on Canadian farmers and affect adversely almost every other industry in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That this House recommends strongly to the government that the natural gas excise tax be rescinded at the earliest possible time; and failing this complete cancellation of the excise tax, that the excise tax at least be cancelled where the gas is used in any form of agricultural production.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HEALTH CARE

RENEGOTIATION OF FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that at this particular time the province of Ontario is experiencing a strike in its health care system brought on by the financial starvation of the provincial health care system through mindless, callous restraints on the part of the government of Ontario, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae):

That the federal government, in renegotiating the Established Programs Financing Act, put the health of Canadians first by (1) not negotiating with a view to compounding the errors of various provincial governments by trying to cut back on their own contributions to health care; and (2) assure this House that they will not act unilaterally at any time to reduce their contribution to health care.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

POTATO PRODUCTION AND MARKETING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Madam Speaker, under Standing Order 43 I should like to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the National Farm Products Marketing Council, in its December 15, 1980, report on potatoes made public today by the Minister of Agriculture, refers in a most serious manner to the occurrence of questionable marketing practices, that these are widespread, and that fear of reprisal prevented many producers from speaking at the public meetings which