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EDITING OF PROGRAM "THE NATION'S BUSINESS"—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Cameron (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I hope hon. members will agree to my motion. I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Last Sunday night, on the CBC program "The Nation's Business", three answers were edited from the tapes of the House of Commons. The hon. gentlemen asking the questions clearly lacked the moral fibre, the courage of their convictions and the intestinal fortitude—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member have a motion pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43?

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): He is just coming to it.

Mr. Cameron:—to include the answers to the questions as given by the Prime Minister (Mr. Clark). So that taxpayers will know the answers as well as the questions, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid):

That they use their next time allotment for this purpose.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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THE BUDGET

PROVISIONS NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH ELECTION PROMISES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I move that this House notes that the only generous part of the budget delivered by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Crosbie) was on page 83 of the Budget Papers, namely, that he is removing the duties on Bible recordings, certain bird-scaring devices and also the duty on farm storage tanks for animal waste.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Jarvis: What is the matter with that?

Mr. Nystrom: In light of the fact that the Conservative party now has broken almost all the promises it made prior to the election, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House instructs the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to prosecute the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada for misleading advertising.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Oral questions.

Oral Questions

• (1415)

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE BUDGET

REASONS HOUSE SHOULD SUPPORT PROVISIONS

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Cape Breton Highlands-Canso): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. In view of the budget statement last night, painting a picture for the future for Canada of double-digit inflation, increased unemployment, higher taxes and slower economic growth, is the Prime Minister contemplating any special steps to try to convince the House of Commons that it should support this budget?

Will he, for example, be writing to the leader of the Social Credit group before the votes, giving him special reasons why that group should support the budget and, if so, would he make available copies of his correspondence to the rest of us, which might assist us in considering this extraordinary document?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the special measures that we intend to use to encourage the House to support the budget are the measures that were introduced and announced by the Minister of Finance last night in a budget which has been widely celebrated as the most honest budget in years.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark: It is also a budget which spells out specifically steps the government intends to take—steps, by the way, which the former government, although they were urged upon it, refused to take—to help small business, to help women and to help a number of groups in the country. We believe the measures that are included in that budget will recommend themselves to the House. If the House is interested in having economic recovery generated in the country, then the House will support this budget.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: Mr. Speaker, in view of the Prime Minister's statement to the House on October 18 that inflation was public enemy number one, would he relate for me that objective with the very heavy burdens that are now placed in this budget on low and middle-income Canadians? Has he now decided to fight public enemy number one on the backs of low and middle-income Canadians, or have those groups become the new public enemy of the government?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Clark: Mr. Speaker, the budget proposes to move this country towards a significant reduction in deficits, which will have an effect on bringing inflation down. The budget also proposes to change the Liberal practice of having Canada rely