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that can be undertaken are presently being carried out. I am certain that all hon. members will want to support the following resolution. I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That this House extend its deepest sympathy to the families and friends of those who lost their lives on the *Ocean Ranger* drill rig operating off the coast of Newfoundland, and assure them that our thoughts and prayers are with them in this time of deep personal tragedy.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Does the House agree to the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

EFFECT OF BUDGET PROVISION ON RENTAL CLOTHING INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, the garment clothing rental industry employs approximately 10,000 Canadians across Canada. One feature in the recent budget hits the industry especially hard by forcing it to depreciate its rental clothing over a two-year rather than one-year period which it is doing at present. The industry experience is that rental clothing is extinguished or worn out after a year. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday):

That the government reconsider the employment consequences of the tax measure in issue for an important industry before putting it into law.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

OPERATION TAX RIDE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, protests against the federal budget have sprung up all over the country and have taken many forms, even the form of a letter signed by two ministers of the Crown. This afternoon another protest will take place here in Ottawa and this one will take a particularly appropriate form. Taxes due to the government for this month will be delivered personally to the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Rompkey) from the back of a donkey.

I move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid):

That this House indicate its support for the business people and citizens involved with Operation Tax Ride for demonstrating today their disgust with the federal budget—a disaster for business and the ordinary citizen alike.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PARLIAMENT

NEED FOR REPRESENTATION REFORM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of the House the totally unnecessary exercise which has now commenced and which will increase the total membership of this House by 30 members to 312 by the general election at the end of this present decade. Projecting the present formula, we could well have 345 members by 1991, 382 members by 2001, 423 by 2011, 468 by 2021, 518 by 2031, and so on to infinity. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Elzinga):

That the members of the government and, indeed, all members of this House indulge in sober second thought over decennial redistribution and the need for it and instead turn their attention to complete electoral and representation reform which would include freezing the present membership of the House of Commons at 282 and at the same time explore ways and means whereby an elected Senate could be more representative and thereby more effective.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FISHERIES

PEARSE REPORT—CALL FOR REFERRAL TO STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, in light of the almost unanimous opposition to most of the recommendations in the Pearse report on the Pacific fisheries industry, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson):

That this House provide a reference to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry to enable that committee to examine that report and to call witnesses in connection with it.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?