

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 22, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

STATUS OF FUND—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, as the Liberal recession continues to put more and more Canadians out of work, the unemployment insurance fund is running dangerously low. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration table the latest figures showing the extent of this depletion and advise the House of how much he plans to increase unemployment insurance premiums to make up the shortfall.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ESTIMATES

POSITION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT AND SUPPORTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, last evening the government clearly indicated to the country that it has no intention of cutting back on government expense. The opposition stuck its neck out and was prepared to eliminate programs totalling nearly \$1.5 billion, yet the government blindly has decided to spend its way into national bankruptcy. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid):

That this House condemns the government and the members of the Liberal Party who blindly voted to maintain programs of government expense that are no longer essential in this time of economic depression.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

CANADA LABOUR CODE

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, in light of the 1,000 deaths, 20,000 disabling injuries, and 15,000 fatal cancer-causing incidents occurring each year in the Canadian workplace, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-St. James (Mr. Keeper):

That this Liberal government stop stalling on promises made two years ago, and that the Minister of Labour introduce changes to Part IV of the Canada Labour Code, accepting the recommendations of the NDP task force entitled "Graveyard Shifts, Life and Death on the Job in Canada" released yesterday, and use that as a basis for government action to save the health and lives of Canadian workers.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PORTS

CHURCHILL—MEASURES TO IMPROVE UTILIZATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, whereas the government has never given serious thought to the proper utilization of the Port of Churchill, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer):

That the Minister of Transport discuss the potential of Churchill with the responsible ministers from the three prairie provinces; consider the construction of ships with icebreaking capability for use on the Hudson Bay Route which would have the effect of not only lengthening the shipping season but of acting as a stimulant for our shipbuilding industry; and further discuss with the Minister of Defence the possibility of manning the icebreakers with naval personnel from the Canadian Armed Forces.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.