

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE MINISTRY

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre): Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the executive interchange program adopted by the energy minister, whose executive assistant is also on the payroll of the government-owned oil company, Petro-Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley):

That this novel program be extended to the private sector so that executive assistants could be supplied to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce by Chrysler Canada Ltd.; to the Minister of Communications by Rogers Cablesystems Ltd.; to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans by B.C. Packers Ltd.; to the Minister of Finance by the Royal Bank of Canada; and to the newly appointed Minister of State in the other place by those companies participating in the uranium cartel, so that these ministers can also avail themselves of unbiased and informed advice in the national interest.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VIA RAIL

SUGGESTED RECONSIDERATION OF CUTBACKS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, whereas the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) was, in a previous incarnation, the co-chairman of the Unity Task Force; and whereas the railroads of Canada, which he now wishes to begin to dismantle without consultation, played such a vital role in unifying our nation, and in particular British Columbia, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That the Minister of Transport and the cabinet reconsider their action on VIA Rail cutbacks and take the advice of those learned members of the other place.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

S.O. 43

ARTS

IMPACT OF FEDERAL TAXES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver Centre (Miss Carney):

That the Minister of Finance be instructed by this House to include in his upcoming budget at least the majority of the recommendations contained in the 1977 Disney Report entitled "Federal Tax Issues of Concern to the Arts Community in Canada" so that that community will at long last be able to begin to believe that their government cares about the survival of the arts in Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDUSTRY

REQUEST THAT JOBS BE GUARANTEED AT GULF CANADA, SHAWINIGAN, P.Q.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and request the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion.

In 1977, when the hon. member for Shawinigan was Minister of Trade and Commerce, his department gave a \$1.5 million grant to the multinational corporation Gulf Canada for the purpose of refitting its Shawinigan plant in the hon. member's riding. Considering the fact that the agreement is to terminate this year and that Gulf Canada is threatening to sell its plant without any guarantees for its 350 workers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin):

That immediate action be taken by the federal government to protect these jobs and that in future, the federal government obtain better guarantees for these special grants.

Madam Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.