

S.O. 43

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

PROGRAMS TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, given that the rate of unemployment in the regional municipality of Niagara is a shocking 15.6 per cent, nearly double the national average, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House urges the Prime Minister to proceed with the immediate creation of two new programs to create employment in key sectors of the economy by stimulating domestic housing construction and by launching a program to enable private enterprise to hire young Canadians so that these deplorably and tragically high rates of unemployment can be brought to a more reasonable level.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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METRIC CONVERSION

CONDEMNATION OF COMMISSION'S EDUCATION PROGRAM—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver-Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on an urgent and pressing matter. It is urgent, because every day that goes by means more waste of money. The education department of the province of British Columbia has conducted a massive test of over 90,000 British Columbia school children in grades four, eight and twelve, and has determined that their knowledge of metric is sadly lacking. Indeed, the grade four students, who have been taught nothing but metric, still indicated, by a 60 per cent majority, a preference for imperial measures. Therefore I propose, seconded by—who else?—the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm):

That this House condemns the public education program of the Metric Commission and demands its recall for further consideration, as it has proved to be expensive, ineffectual and completely discredited.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

BILINGUALISM

REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF MEMBER FOR
WINNIPEG-ASSINIBOINE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dennis Dawson (Louis-Hébert): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion related to an urgent and important question which, I feel confident, will gain the support of the House, particularly of the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark).

For the second time in ten days, we have heard the Leader of the Opposition repudiate the remarks of the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie) who is waging war against bilingualism just as he had against democracy in South Africa. Considering that the Leader of the Opposition claims to support the bilingualism policy and to have the Progressive Conservative caucus under control, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart):

That the House urge the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition to stop uttering fine words and act immediately by asking for the resignation of that hon. member whose anti-French bias is already well known, just as his predecessor, the Hon. Robert Stanfield, had done in a similar case, namely that of the former mayor of Moncton.

Madam Speaker: Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, presentation of such a motion requires the unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

THE JUDICIARY

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF WOMAN TO SUPREME COURT OF
CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, in our 115 years of existence as a country no woman has ever been appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada, even though qualified women have served with distinction in the superior and supreme courts of the provinces since 1969. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That in filling the vacancy that now exists in the Supreme Court of Canada, the government redress the imbalance of 115 years of Canadian history by appointing a qualified woman to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.