

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, February 13, 1981

The House met at 11 a.m.

House leader not to physically abuse his colleagues who stand to oppose this legislation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE ECONOMY

INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas the latest figures released by Statistics Canada indicate an annual inflation rate of 12 per cent, with food for home consumption up 15 per cent since a year ago, led by the price of fresh vegetables which is now 42½ per cent higher than under the Conservatives 12 months previously, and whereas the Liberals have deliberately caused an increase in the price of heating oil of 9 per cent in one single month, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan-Similkameen (Mr. King):

That this House condemns the Grit government for squeezing the Canadian consumer between unprecedented high prices on the one hand and declines in real wages on the other.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

POSITION OF SASKATCHEWAN NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY MEMBERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill McKnight (Kindersley-Lloydminster): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Premier Blakeney of Saskatchewan has fallen off the fence and, by chance, landed on the side of the people of Canada, much to the disappointment of the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) and the hon. member for Mount Royal (Mr. Trudeau), I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That this House urge that the federal New Democratic Members of Parliament from the Province of Saskatchewan vote against the constitutional package, as their constituents are requesting, and that the House direct the NDP

STATUS OF WOMEN

CALL FOR MINISTER TO ATTEND INDEPENDENT CONFERENCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move the following motion. Given that the minister responsible for the status of women tried to mothball the Conference on Women and the Constitution scheduled for February 14 and 15, and given that hundreds of women from all across Canada have emerged to stage this important conference in defiance of the minister's dictates, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That the minister responsible for the status of women emerge from the cocoon in which he is trying to shield himself from the views of women and make it a priority to attend the conference on February 14 and 15 so that he can be informed on the issues of importance to women, who have flown here from all parts of the country.

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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BELL CANADA

PROPOSED INCREASE IN RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. As you know, Bell Canada has asked for a 30 per cent increase with respect to some of its rates. This year that increase will yield it \$183 million in addition to what it currently makes, and next year it will yield \$550 million in additional revenue. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House inform Bell Canada that its line to the public purse may be disconnected unless it spends more energy improving services and less lobbying for outrageous and unwarranted 30 per cent increases.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!