

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 19, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE BUDGET

PROVISIONS GOVERNING INCOME TAXES—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Hon. Ron Huntington (Capilano): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas jobs and payrolls depend on a stable economic environment, and whereas a stable taxation environment is essential to the work force of the nation, and whereas resolutions No. 9, accrued investment income, No. 23, restricted interest expense, and No. 31, capital gains and other reserves, in the November 12 budget attack the fundamental principle of a fair taxation policy, namely, the ability to pay, and whereas these stated resolutions impose the unfair principle of retroactivity on taxpayers in Canada thus doing irreparable damage to a fair and reasonable taxation environment, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Minister of Finance withdraw resolutions Nos. 9, 23 and 31 of the November 12 budget in order to avoid a major economic calamity that will affect every single Canadian.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PROVISIONS AFFECTING SMALL BUSINESS—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, the November 12 budget presented by the government has deeply angered small business men and business women across the country. As the details of the budget are more closely examined, there is a growing fury as these Canadians realize that many of the measures outlined by the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) will, in the long run, result in even further financial pressure.

In light of the fact that the budget, while offering minimal relief only to those in extreme financial straits, is a pronounced step backward for the remainder of the business community and has been described, in the words of John Bulloch, president of the 62,000-member Canadian Federation of Independ-

ent Business, as a "bag of snakes", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the Minister of Finance admit to the retrogressive and punitive measures directed at small business and either withdraw his budget or take immediate action to change its terms of reference.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

HEALTH HAZARDS POSED BY USE OF RESEARCH CENTRE
BUILDING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Fennell):

That the government, and particularly the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister of Public Works, be condemned for authorizing the use of the Sir Frederick Banting Building as a research centre where hazardous chemicals would be handled to the knowledge of the government, when they knew the building was unfit for that purpose, and for allowing the condition to persist for three years, thereby endangering the health and safety of public servants; and so that the full extent of their neglect be public, that the government forthwith table in the House of Commons all reports, minutes, memoranda and other documents relating to this deplorable situation.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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IMMIGRATION

PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR REFUGEE STATUS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, whereas the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) has announced that he hopes to improve his government's policy on determination of refugee status, and whereas many Canadians have expressed the gravest concern that injustice may have been done to applicants for refugee status who were deported by Canada to likely imprisonment, torture, or even death, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle):