

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 15, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

REQUEST AIB INFORM ONTARIO THAT INCREASE IN OHIP PREMIUMS IS INFLATIONARY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that Statistics Canada this morning announced a further increase in the cost of living for February and a year to year increase of 8.7 per cent, and in view of the fact that the recent Ontario government's budget announced a health premium tax increase of 37.5 per cent, an average family increase of \$144 a year which will not be recorded by Statistics Canada in their method of calculating the consumer price index, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That since this government's Anti-Inflation Board is still restricting wage and salary earners' increases to 6 per cent, the federal government instruct the Anti-Inflation Board to inform Ontario that the health premium increase be rescinded since it is inflationary, regressive and decreases the standard of living for most families in Ontario.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SHIPPING

AIDS TO NAVIGATION IN EAST COAST SHIPPING LANES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that radar and other equipment was moved from Cuslett, in Placentia Bay, in the fall of 1976 to channel Port aux Basques in order to—

—provide a much needed aid to navigation in the international shipping lanes adjacent to Port aux Basques and the approaches to the port itself—

—as stated by the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang), and in view of the fact that the Vessel Traffic Management Centre has been ready at Port aux Basques, fully equipped and staffed with five permanent coastguard marine traffic regulators and an officer in charge, together with three technicians, and that a notice was sent out to mariners on January 4 advising vessels entering the zone, including all the designated international shipping routes to the Gulf of St. Lawrence within an area of 39 miles of Port aux Basques, to establish radio contact as they enter the zone, and in view of the fact that this notice to shipping was withdrawn under instructions from Ottawa on January 20, without any reason for the said order but reflecting political interference from Ottawa and bureaucratic imperialism by the maritime region—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Crosbie: —of the Canadian coastguard, ever jealous of the Newfoundland region acquiring any power or responsibility, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That the Minister of Transport countermand the instructions of the Department of Transport at Ottawa of January 20, authorize the Vessel Traffic Management Centre at Port aux Basques to commence operating immediately for a zone comprising an area within 39 miles from channel Port aux Basques covering the international shipping lanes and ferry routes as originally intended, and that the minister explain on motions the reason for the waste of manpower and funds involved in having the Vessel Traffic Management Centre at Port aux Basques lie idle since January 20 and dismiss all those found responsible for interfering with the public interest through jealousy and bureaucratic imperialism.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS

REQUEST WAR DISABILITY PENSION BE RAISED TO LEVEL OF
1973 FORMULA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, this is an urgent matter; that is why I ask leave to present it under Standing Order 43. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall):

● (1412)

That this House takes note of the continuing concern of veterans over the failure of the government to raise the basic rate of the war disability pension to