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more money for the government's wasteful spending. Canadians are now justly concerned that the federal government will eventually institute taxation of imputed rent as it has with respect to interest on money borrowed for RRSPs and on imputed income from employee benefits. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence):

That the Minister of Finance make a statement to this House that the government will not, now or in the future, resort to this iniquitous bureaucratic recommendation to tax home owners on the rental value of their homes.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF CANADIAN FORCES BASE CHATHAM, N.B.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Madam Speaker, the ravages of the government's ineptness have been particularly extreme in Atlantic Canada. In many areas unemployment has reached 40 per cent or more. In view of the fact that the Miramichi region of Chatham and Newcastle has a work force of 18,000 people and 8,000 of them do not have jobs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That the Liberal government can its plans to can CFB Chatham, which will can another 3,500 jobs, and, while it is at it, can the minister who originally proposed it.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT IN GASPÉ PENINSULA—INQUIRY WHY GOVERNMENT DID NOT PROPOSE SOLUTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Traditionally, the Gaspé has always had the poorest record for employment opportunities in Quebec. One of the effects of the present recession has been to raise the unemployment rate in this area to 26 per cent. We must do everything in our power to put an end to this injustice, and I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That the Minister of State responsible for Quebec affairs make a statement on motions explaining why he has not been able to get cabinet to take whatever action may be necessary to remedy this intolerable situation.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[English]

STATUS OF WOMEN

GOVERNMENT POSITION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that the government has consistently given lip service to the concept of equal rights for women, in light of the fact that the Liberal government saw fit to send only 5 per cent of its caucus—as opposed to 40 per cent of the NDP caucus—to meet with the National Action Committee on the Status of Women on Monday, and noting that the government was found guilty of denying equal pay to women for work of equal value two years ago and then deliberately stalled for two years before deciding to pay the people the money due them, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis):

That this House award the Liberal government the Alice in Wonderland award for double talk for its consistent ability to say one thing and mean something else.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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BANKRUPTCIES

CALL FOR BUSINESS ASSISTANCE MEASURES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Madam Speaker, in February of this year a record 917 Canadian businesses went bankrupt. This is 36 per cent higher than February, 1981, and 64 per cent higher than February, 1980. These bankruptcies, combined with receiverships and insolvencies, coupled with buisnesses just plain giving up, are costing hundreds of thousands of jobs right across the country. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett):

That the Minister of Finance withdraw the budget that the Solicitor General describes as a disaster and replace it with measures which will help businesses to prosper and employ people rather than drive them into the ground.