

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, April 30, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

• (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF HIGHER SALARIED EMPLOYEES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, the annual report of the Public Service Commission released yesterday showed that the number of federal public servants has significantly risen in the past year. There are now four times the number of government employees earning over \$50,000 than there were in 1981, and double the number earning between \$40,000 and \$50,000. This growth has been condoned by the government for its own questionable purposes at a time when it has been strongly urging everyone else to practise restraint. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson):

That the government launch an immediate investigation into why such growth at the high salaried level of the public service was allowed and promise that, when he is finished his work in Washington, Arthur Erickson not be hired to come to Ottawa and begin designing new, palatial government buildings to house this increasingly affluent multitude.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

THE ARTS

REQUEST THAT HOUSE CONGRATULATE CANADA COUNCIL ON
ITS WORK—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Robert Gourd (Argenteuil-Papineau): Madam Speaker, 25 years ago Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent tabled in Parliament a bill for the establishment of a Canada Council for the arts, humanities and social sciences, which received royal assent on March 28, 1957. On April 30 of that year, the first meeting of the Canada Council was held in the prime minister's own office.

Considering the tremendous development of Canadian artistic expression in subsequent years, for which the Canada Council is largely responsible, I move, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 and seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the House congratulate the Canada Council on its magnificent performance past and present, and that the House offer its best wishes for the continuation of the Council's success in the future.

Madam Speaker: The House may wish to demonstrate its admiration in the form of applause.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[English]

METRIC CONVERSION

LABELLING OF CHEMICALS AND SPRAYS USED IN
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on a very important matter with regard to the welfare of farmers. Metric conversion has caused a great deal of confusion to Canadians, but particularly to farmers. The farmers are beginning their planting season and are handling chemicals and sprays which are very important to the outcome of the crop but which could be hazardous to the well-being of the farmers if not properly handled. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That this House ask the government to place on the labelling of chemicals and sprays instructions requiring amounts in imperial measurements.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FISHERIES

LACK OF CONSULTATION WITH SPORTS FISHING ADVISORY
COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of great importance to the B.C. fishing industry. Recent regulations affecting the sports fishing industry have been made without