

S.O. 43

cois plans to resort with a view to fulfilling its aims, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Abitibi (Mr. Gingras):

That the Canadian government take the necessary steps to thwart the plans of the Péquistes.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The 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

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF FULL-TIME MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Today, more than ever, veterans deserve better treatment from the government. They are now faced with an inflation rate of 12.4 per cent, an increase in gas prices of 52 cents per gallon, heating oil increases of \$1.12 per gallon, food cost hikes of 15.2 per cent, and a do-nothing budget. On top of all this they are being administered by a department which is receiving no leadership and is taking up to two years to process their pension applications. There is also the fact that some veterans are dying before they receive their pensions. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this House instruct the Prime Minister to appoint a full-time Minister of Veterans Affairs immediately and that this new minister launch a full-fledged investigation into the totally unacceptable conditions in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

RESIGNATION SOUGHT OF MINISTER OF FINANCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the absolute disaster and unbending stupidity of the government's National Energy Program have been well demonstrated by the delay in excess of \$20 billion of investment in heavy oil and tar sands development in northeastern Alberta which coincides with the loss of thousands of jobs throughout Canada and severe damage to the entire national economy, and whereas approval of these major energy

projects, with a more realistic National Energy Program in place, would improve the investment climate in Canada and relieve the pressure on our dollar, which is currently producing record high interest rates, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this House condemn the Minister of Finance for his repeated stonewalling of the Canadian public and demand that he produce a new budget and energy program and, if he is not capable of doing so, that he tender his resignation immediately.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSING

CALL FOR REPLACEMENT OF MINISTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, when mortgage rates were at 14 per cent a family needed to earn \$28,200 in order to carry their \$50,000 first mortgage. Today, less than one year later, the same family must earn \$32,213 to carry their home at the present soaring mortgage rate of 18 per cent, which puts home ownership out of reach of the vast majority of young Canadians since the average family income is \$26,000. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis), under Standing Order 43:

That the Prime Minister immediately relieve the minister responsible for housing and CMHC and the Minister of Finance of their present responsibilities and replace them with individuals who are genuinely concerned, if he can find any, about the plight of the home owner who has to renew his or her mortgage and of those who wish to own their homes but now find the dream out of reach.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SMALL BUSINESS

CLOSING OF CANNING FACTORIES IN PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY, ONT.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. These past few years have seen the closing of seven canning factories in Prince Edward county, leaving only three small canners, plus one large operation. With the exorbitant interest rates now being charged there is a real possibility of further closures, leaving the farm community completely unprotected. I