

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 28, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

• (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE ECONOMY

LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, in order to prop up the dollar the government raised interest rates in Canada to the highest level in nearly six months. At the same time, earlier this week, the Americans dropped their T-bill rates to 11.48 per cent. Canadians now pay as much as 3.7 per cent more interest than Americans pay. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby);

That the government cease blaming the Americans for its made-in-Canada high interest rate policy, cease using interest rates as a special tax on Canadians to cover its total mismanagement of the economy, and immediately take steps to reduce interest rates so that our interest rates are comparable to the American interest rates.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

DECLINE IN VALUE OF DOLLAR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, in spite of present high interest rate policy and heavy intervention by the Bank of Canada, the Canadian dollar fell yesterday to within one half of a cent of its record low of 80.08 cents set in December of 1931. This situation simply reflects the appalling economic policy of the incompetent Liberal government. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald);

That the backbenchers of the Liberal government urge the Minister of Finance to bring in sweeping new measures which will stop the erosion of our dollar and will give some sense of hope and direction to the people of Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Today is the twenty-first birthday of Amnesty International, the internationally respected human rights movement which is independent of government, political grouping, ideology, economic interest or religious creed. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath), and supported, I am sure, by all hon. members in this House:

That the House recognize the outstanding work done by Amnesty International for the promotion of human rights throughout the world, congratulate it on the occasion of its twenty-first birthday, and wish Amnesty International many more years of success in its work to free prisoners of conscience, to halt torture and execution, and to seek fair trials for political prisoners.

Madam Speaker: The House might want to applaud this motion.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF OUTSTANDING SCHOOL
PATROLLERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Peterson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. There are three outstanding young Canadians in the gallery today and they are to be honoured at noon by the Governor General for their acts of bravery while on duty as school patrollers. Their actions resulted in saving several young lives. I accordingly move, seconded by the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton (Mr. Cullen):

That the House recognize Karen Dickson, Lora Lee Kurylo and Jason Roberge for their courage and resourcefulness. These young school patrollers have shown qualities and dedication we all can admire.

Madam Speaker: Perhaps the House will want to applaud these young heroes.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!