

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, June 21, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE ADMINISTRATION

CALL FOR RESIGNATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, over the past two years Canadians have witnessed the most arrogant, incompetent, and destructive government in Canada's history, responsible for a gross national product that in the last quarter was the lowest in 28 years; over 1.5 million Canadians out of work; investment capital leaving Canada at an unprecedented rate; the Canadian dollar at its lowest ever in the country's history; inflation at 11 per cent; interest rates over 20 per cent; every major energy project dead or dying; business failures up 50 per cent; farm bankruptcies 70 per cent ahead of last year, and our deficit approaching \$16 billion this year alone. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Elzinga):

That all members of this House shoulder their responsibility and force the resignation of this inept and incompetent government.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Vince Dantzer (Okanagan North): Madam Speaker, on January 29 of this year in this place, the Liberal member for Lac-Saint-Jean (Mr. Gimaël) said, "If the Liberal Party thinks we", that is, the Liberal Party, "have to be communistic, we shall be communistic." Now the Liberal Prime Minister has taken up this message and on Saturday in western Canada advised his Liberals to embrace the left. Further, he implied that to solve the government's economic disasters it will be necessary to scare the hell out of Canadians. Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson):

That this House advise the Prime Minister that he and his government have already scared the hell out of the Canadian people, and that a more simple and humane solution would be for the Prime Minister and his government to resign and scare the hell out of the communists and other left-wingers.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY

EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. While the New Democratic Party has always said that FIRA was not the cause of the outflow of capital from Canada, and while the Reaganite Tory Party and U.S. businessmen have been calling for the removal of FIRA, the net result of which would be to put more Canadians out of work by increasing our balance of trade deficit with the U.S., and hence to raise interest rates in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans):

That this House endorse the position taken by Abraham Rotstein in a study by the Canadian Institute for Economic Policy, who maintains it was "the over-all effect of foreign direct investment since 1976 along with U.S. branch plants which has been responsible for the outflow of capital from Canada", and that this House call on the government to strengthen FIRA and to start repatriating our manufacturing industry.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PRAIRIE GRAIN ADVANCE PAYMENTS ACT

CALL FOR AMENDMENT TO INCREASE CASH ADVANCE PAYMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Madam Speaker, the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act was put in place to allow farmers to borrow against grain grown but not marketed. The funds involved are not gifts, but loans which are repaid. The current maximum available under the cash advance