

period of time in family planning, his earnings would have to be \$40,000 and even then he would not be living in a style compatible with those earning \$15,000 today. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Government of Canada put narrow, partisan considerations aside and direct its strength and effort in a fight against inflation, so that all Canadians will be able to live above the poverty line.

**Madam Speaker:** For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE CONSTITUTION

#### CALL FOR RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS FOR HANDICAPPED IN CHARTER OF RIGHTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The handicapped people of Canada have made progress in obtaining provincial legislation recognizing their special needs, but national progress will be impossible unless the special rights of the handicapped are recognized in the proposed constitution. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale):

That this House direct the Minister of Justice to consider inclusion in the proposed charter of rights and freedoms a provision recognizing the special rights of handicapped Canadians.

**Madam Speaker:** For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

#### SUGGESTED CREATION OF NUNAVUT TERRITORY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the ninth assembly of the government of the Northwest Territories last week passed a motion supporting the division of the Northwest Territories into two new territories, subject to a plebiscite, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nunatsiak (Mr. Ittinuar):

That this House recognize the legitimate aspirations of the people of Nunavut by supporting in principle the creation of a Nunavut territory with its own Nunavut government.

**Madam Speaker:** For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

### Oral Questions

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### THE ECONOMY

#### INCREASE IN COST OF LIVING—INQUIRY RESPECTING GOVERNMENT FORECAST

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, my question is to the Acting Prime Minister. It deals with the position of the government in the face of new cost of living figures which indicate a rate of inflation for this year of just under 11 per cent. The Minister of Finance forecast in the budget a consumer price increase in 1980 of 9.7 per cent. The Acting Prime Minister will know that this forecast can be met only if there are reductions in the consumer price index in November and December.

Will the Acting Prime Minister tell the House whether or not it is the position of the government that there will in fact be a reduction in the cost of living in November and December of 1980, or has the government abandoned the forecast set out in the budget earlier this year?

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State, Finance):** Madam Speaker, if the Leader of the Opposition studied the components of the consumer cost of living increase, he would see that by subtracting the energy cost increase the figure is reduced by 0.5 per cent. The Leader of the Opposition knows full well, as we do in government, that Canadians understand the need to participate in the exploration and development of our natural resources as well as in the conservation of energy, and even though it is no easy matter they agree to pay a bit more for energy. I can assure the Leader of the Opposition that the government is still determined to fight inflation and take the means necessary to stay within the forecast inflation rate increase.

**Mr. Clark:** Madam Speaker, I can understand why the Minister of Transport refuses to accept the responsibility for the economic policies of the government, or any responsibility for constitutional policies in view of his stand on the Pepin-Robarts reform. But I want to put exactly the same question to the Minister of State since he gave no reply to my other questions. I asked whether the government is in a position to say whether or not the rate of inflation will go down in November or December and, if not, whether the government has dropped the forecasts made in the budget. The questions are simple and I would appreciate a simple answer.