

*Government Orders*

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[English]

**Mr. Milliken:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the parliamentary secretary for agreeing to Motion No. 30.

Motion No. 31 asks for details of costs of the deployment of the Canadian forces at Oka.

I noticed that in *Hansard* in my absence earlier this week, an answer appeared—I believe it was this week—detailing the costs for a certain period of time already. In other words, the government has got those figures for part of the time, if not all of it.

I wonder if the parliamentary secretary would speak with his colleague, the Minister of National Defence, to see if that additional information could not be provided. It has already been given in a response. I am simply asking that it be produced in the House in documentary form via by Motion No. 31.

[Translation]

**Mr. Champagne (Champlain):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member is of course aware that we are working on it, and as soon as we are able to, we will be glad to answer his question.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### SUPPLY

#### ALLOTTED DAY, S. O. 81—THE PRIME MINISTER

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops)** moved:

That this House express its loss of confidence in the Prime Minister and call upon him to resign and immediately call an election.

He said: Mr. Speaker, before I begin my remarks I want to say simply that there have been discussions between the parties and there is an understanding that if the members wish to split their usual 20 minutes and 10-minute question and comment period, that is their decision to make. The individual should comment on that at the beginning of their presentation so it is perfectly clear for the person in the chair.

I want to say at the outset that I plan to split my 20 and 10 would be with the hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby.

To begin, I say that it was not an easy day for the New Democratic Party caucus to look about the state of the nation on this second anniversary of the election of the Conservative government and notice the way the entire country has deteriorated. Because of what almost appears to be a government inspired scorched-earth policy which has resulted in unbelievable levels of human carnage and suffering, we have had to bring forward this motion on behalf of the people of Canada which states that this House expresses its loss of confidence in the Prime Minister and calls upon him to resign and immediately call an election.

This is a very serious motion. The Prime Minister has lost the confidence of the people of Canada and the ability of the Prime Minister and his government to govern no longer exists.

I want to refer to some of the headlines in the papers that I noticed in the Reading Room today. One of the headlines stated: "Polls say the Tories could do with a better leader". Another stated: "Nine-tenths believe that there should be an immediate review of the new tax, with most people wanting to abolish the tax." Another headline stated: "If the Prime Minister remains, most say the economy will get worse."

Another headline stated that under this Prime Minister the economy has been transformed and so too has our reputation abroad. Another headline stated that this Prime Minister has sharply cut back both at the environmental department spending and at defence spending. Another one stated that this Prime Minister is not fit to rule. Another one stated that the country is effectively leaderless. Another one stated that the lack of leadership affects the foreign exchange market.

All of these headlines were referring to Margaret Thatcher in the United Kingdom and the fact that the situation there has similarly deteriorated. These headlines simply represent the contempt in which the people of the United Kingdom now hold their Prime Minister. It is a sad day for our country to say that the same now has occurred in Canada.

In the United Kingdom, many of her own back-benchers and members of her cabinet are calling on her to resign. In a few hours from now, the British House of Commons will be holding a similar debate to this one, challenging the Prime Minister's right to continue at a time when the country appears leaderless and at a time when the entire economy is being threatened. The people of the United Kingdom have indicated clearly how they feel about their Prime Minister. I suggest that