

Affairs (Mr. MacGuigan) and with the office of the external affairs critic for the official opposition.

• (1210)

In view of the fact that my office has been in constant communication in the past few days with the Department of External Affairs in attempts to arrange transport out of the Falkland Islands for a constituent from the Queen Charlotte Islands, British Columbia, and in view of the fact that commercial air traffic into Port Stanley on the Falkland Islands has of today been shut down, and since the 200-mile marine zone around the islands has been declared a military zone wherein local Argentinian marine traffic is open to attack by British nuclear submarines as of next Monday, making exit by boat impossible, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That this House call on the Secretary of State for External Affairs to make arrangements immediately for the charter of an aircraft from Comodoro Rivadavia, Uruguay or Buenos Aires to airlift the 10 Canadians stranded in the Falkland Islands.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

GOVERNMENT URGED NOT TO INCREASE TOLL RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, due to the MacEachen recessionary times and increased competition from U.S. rail lines, some 20 per cent of our Great Lakes fleet will not leave port this season when the St. Lawrence Seaway opens, another 800 people will not be employed this summer due to the fact that shipping has already been sharply reduced by the government's policies, and as there is now only a one cent difference on a per bushel basis between shipping and U.S. rail charges, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the government be satisfied with the 100 per cent increase in Seaway tolls put through between the years 1978 and 1980 and not introduce further toll increases which will simply drive more business to U.S. railways and will further aggravate our already scandalous national nine per cent unemployment rate.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

S.O. 43

FINANCE

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOND PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Madam Speaker, high interest rates remain the main problem for small businessmen and farmers. The hon. member for Mississauga South has just pointed out that yesterday interest rates in Canada went up, while in the United States interest rates came down. There appears to be no relief in sight from the government's high interest rate policy. Since the small business bond provisions introduced in the November 12 MacEachen budget are not working, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I move, seconded by the hon. for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the government restore the original provisions of the Small Business Development Bond so that the banks can proceed with issuing these bonds to help farmers and small businessmen who desperately need this mechanism in order to survive.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

POWER RATE CHARGED TO RESIDENTS OF FIELD, B.C.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the Northern Canada Power Commission has notified the residents of Field, British Columbia, that their power will be cut off on April 18 because these people have been withholding payments as a protest, in view of the fact that these people are protesting the fact that their power rates are four to five times higher than comparable communities in British Columbia, and in view of the fact that the Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment is negotiating a rate reduction for the community of Field, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis):

That this House instruct the Department of the Environment and the Northern Canada Power Commission to stop this drastic action and negotiate a rate for the community of Field similar to the rates enjoyed by other communities supplied by this utility.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.