

House of Commons

Canadians are going to join in "refuse the Cruise demonstrations" across Canada this Saturday, indicating the rapidly growing opposition of Canadians to the testing of U.S. Cruise missiles in our land, and whereas the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Lamontagne) in a letter to me, dated October 18 of this year, said that the specific negotiations on Cruise testing have not yet begun, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That the government heed the wishes of the majority of Canadians by refusing the Cruise and by not going ahead with these negotiations.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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THE PERFORMING ARTS**FUTURE OF THE ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Madam Speaker, the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra is an important element in the cultural life of east coast Canada and has provided quality musical entertainment to thousands of Atlantic Canadians over the years. But its continuation as a performing symphony is now in jeopardy and the livelihood of over 50 highly qualified musicians is threatened unless new financial aid is provided. Accordingly I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett):

That this House direct the Secretary of State and the officers of the Canada Council to co-operate with provincial and municipal government authorities and with community leaders to establish a plan for reasonable assistance that will assure the continuance and future viability of the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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NEW EMPLOYMENT EXPANSION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO RURAL AREAS**

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of some urgency. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde), in his statement yesterday, promised an aptly named NEED Program which undertakes to provide 60,000 new jobs for the bargain basement price of \$500 million. By my calculations that works out to a figure of \$8,333 per job, surely a bargain in these times. The minister knows the majority of these benefits will find their way into

the hearts of our cities where they will, I am sure, be thankfully received by the electorate who restored him and his party to power two and a half years ago. But in many ways it is in the rural areas of our country where the need is greater, where the un-Liberal tradition of self-reliance is still so strong. Therefore, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Timiskaming (Mr. MacDougall):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration make certain that a significant portion of these funds be allotted to the rural areas of Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT ADOPT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH POLICY**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Ayerst Company, which has the third largest industrial research laboratory in Quebec, is going to close these facilities and move them to the United States, and whereas Canada is becoming increasingly dependent on patents and inventions developed in other countries, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin):

That the government adopt a national science policy in order to protect the jobs of our research scientists in a sector that is so important to our country.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS**WELCOME TO NEW PAGES**

Madam Speaker: Members of the House will have noticed that we have a new crop of pages at the beginning of this sitting and I think all Members will want to join with me in wishing the pages a very fruitful experience in the House of Commons.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!