

S.O. 43

Mr. MacEachen: Madam Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I cannot hear what the minister is saying.

Mr. MacEachen: Madam Speaker, I am rising on a question of privilege to state that the hon. member is making a false statement. The full details were laid out in the budget documents tabled in the House at the time of the budget. You are not going to get away with half-truths, "Boy-Bob".

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The minister may raise a question of privilege, but not at this time.

Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, in the budget the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) gutted the Small Business Development Bond. Growing small business offers to Canadians more opportunity for employment than any other economic activity in our country. By allowing small business to borrow on a preferred basis for new capital equipment, we create jobs and stimulate productivity. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That the Minister of State for Small Businesses take his responsibility seriously, negotiate with the Minister of Finance, and reinstate at least for a one-year period the Small Business Development Bond.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

CALL FOR PROGRAM TO ASSIST FARMERS FACING BANKRUPTCY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, figures released yesterday show a 25 per cent increase in farm bankruptcies in the ten-month period beginning January, 1981, over the same period one year ago. The measures taken by the government to extend the Small Business Development Bond to assist unincorporated farmers in financial distress, and the addition of \$50 million to the lending capital of the Farm Credit Corporation, again to assist farmers in financial distress, will at best help approximately 250 farmers across the country. Whereas there are over 5,000 farmers across the country on the verge of bankruptcy who need assistance now, I

move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That the Minister of Finance be directed to implement immediately a program to assist those estimated 5,000 farmers across the country who are on the verge of bankruptcy or forced sale.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE BUDGET

PROVISION AFFECTING TAX DEDUCTION FOR NON-RESIDENT DEPENDANTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) announced on November 12 in his new budget that taxpayers will no longer be permitted to claim any deductions in respect of their non-resident dependants other than their spouse and children; whereas Canada continues to bring in immigrants and migrant workers to do the hardest and lowest paid work, knowing that many do this in order to assist their parents, brothers, sisters and other needy dependants back home; whereas the minister's proposed law, therefore, discriminates against workers in Canada with dependent relatives overseas and mocks our claim to be a multicultural society; and whereas the minister's accusation of fraud would be more justly directed at high-income-tax-evaders, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae):

That this House direct the minister to delete the clause that prohibits tax deductions for non-resident dependants other than spouse or children.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF JAMES BAY AGREEMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Madam Speaker, early last spring the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Munro) undertook a joint review with the Minister of Justice and Attorney General (Mr. Chrétien) to determine whether the spirit and intent of the James Bay Agreement had been breached. In view of the fact that this