

Manpower

That the Department of Employment and Immigration allocate forthwith additional funds to permit these students to complete their vocational training without running the risk of waiting too long between budgets.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

SUGGESTION MINISTER MEET PROVINCIAL MINISTERS TO DEVELOP EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Since young Canadians, though representing only 26 per cent of the labour force, still constitute 48 per cent of all the unemployed in Canada; since in the last year some 83,000 new young workers have joined the labour market while only 22,000 new jobs have been created for them; since that situation threatens to poison further the social climate which is perturbed enough at this time, and bearing in mind the urgent need of a very specific policy for that category of workers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Whiteway):

That this House recommend unanimously to the responsible minister that he convene his provincial counterparts to study together a special employment program for young people under 25.

Mr. Speaker: Under the terms of Standing Order 43, 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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[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT—SUGGESTED MEASURES TO CREATE JOBS IN EASTERN PROVINCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Inasmuch as a very large percentage of those unemployed, over 400,000 people or 42 per cent, are in the five eastern provinces, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House demands as a matter of urgency a program of economic reconstruction for the have-not regions of Canada which shall include the following: a system of tax contracts to encourage the industrialization of the region; the adoption of a job credit scheme in time for this winter's unemployment hardship; a special tax rebate on inventory valuations in areas of slow growth; assistance in developing the more than 30 hydro-electric sites in the Atlantic region; special assistance to small businesses investing in have-not areas; preferred freight rates for key sectors in Atlantic Canada, such as steel, wood and food products; and the use of the government's purchasing power as a tool of economic development.

[Mr. Laprise.]

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House pursuant to Standing Order 43. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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RESOURCES

PROPOSAL TO CALL INCO EXECUTIVES BEFORE COMMITTEE TO EXPLAIN POLICIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the International Nickel Company of Canada Limited, after following a corporate policy for 30 months aimed at the production of a substantial surplus, then turned around and used this surplus as an excuse to lay off 3,000 of its employees; and in view of the fact that today a confidential report from Environment Canada was made public, and that it said in part INCO was following a policy of high grading in the Sudbury basin area, a practice which will substantially reduce the amount of recoverable nickel in that area, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Hogan):

That this House call the executive and directors of INCO before the committee on national resources to account to the people of Canada for the way they have mishandled this valuable national resource of this country.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

THE MINISTRY

REASON FOR ABSENCE OF MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, in light of statistics published this morning concerning unemployment, I have to express my regrets that the Minister of Employment and Immigration is not in the House. Given the fact that those figures demonstrate that Canada is still in a pitiful situation, I would like the Acting Prime Minister to tell me very precisely—and I think Canadians would like to know too—why the Minister of Employment and Immigration is absent from the House when we have to discuss such an important issue and