

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 16, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE ECONOMY

DEMAND THAT GOVERNMENT REDUCE DEFICIT—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Madam Speaker, when the Government of Canada cannot sell its bonds even when the yield is set at 16 per cent, we know that there is something wrong, not only with the Canadian economy but also with the government itself. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bruce-Grey (Mr. Gurbin):

That the government be immediately obliged to lessen pressure on capital markets by reducing its horrendous \$16 billion deficit, thereby restoring confidence in Canadian government paper.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### METRIC CONVERSION

MINISTER'S MEETING WITH RETAIL INDUSTRY  
REPRESENTATIVES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough):** Madam Speaker, on May 14, 1982, as reported at page 17449 of *Hansard*, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) stated that he was ready to have discussions with the retail food industry to find out if it was feasible to excuse some small retailers from compulsory metrication. Yesterday I learned from a confidential source that, instead of working with the group on scales, which includes some 50 representatives of the whole industry, he intends to meet next Monday with only six members of the group who represent umbrella associations within the retail food industry under the chairmanship of an employee of the Toledo Scale Manufacturing Company of the United States. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That in view of the quite disastrous effects of the present economic situation on Canadian businesses, particularly small businesses which include the independent food retailers, the industry as a whole, represented by the working group on

scales, some 50 members, should be fully consulted, rather than this apparent doublecross and the stacking of the deck against the small independent retailers.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### MINES AND MINING

POSTPONEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION OF ALUMINUM SMELTER  
AT BALMORAL, MAN.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake):** Madam Speaker, yesterday in Winnipeg the president of the Aluminum Company of Canada announced the postponement of construction of a 200,000 tonne aluminum smelter in Balmoral, Manitoba. Whereas this announcement means the loss, for now, of some 700 permanent jobs, to say nothing of jobs in site construction and the needed hydro development, and whereas the company laid the blame for this postponement on weak markets, lower prices, and other ramifications of the continuing recession, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That this government abandon its ruinous economic policies which have strangled the Canadian economy, costing tens of thousands of jobs in its vain attempt to save it from inflation.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE CONSTITUTION

PROPOSED ERECTION OF PATRIATION MONUMENT ON  
PARLIAMENT HILL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East):** Madam Speaker, this Thirty-Second Parliament is unique in that it patriated the Canadian Constitution from Great Britain. No one man or woman in Parliament has accomplished this. Each and every member of this Thirty-second Parliament has helped to make it possible. Over two years ago on May 9, 1980, this House unanimously passed a motion to initiate the successful process,