

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 29, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

TRIBUTE TO FORMER PARLIAMENTARIAN, GERALD BALDWIN—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Madam Speaker, I believe I have unanimous consent for this motion. Whereas the House of Commons just yesterday passed the freedom of information bill, and whereas my predecessor, Mr. Gerald Baldwin, worked tirelessly toward and supported the principle of freedom of information, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East (Mr. Allmand) and the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That this House unanimously commend Gerald Baldwin for his unceasing work for freedom of information legislation, and further, for his years of dedicated service to his fellow countrymen.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Does the House want to applaud this motion? The hon. member for St. John's East.

Mr. Nielsen: There was no negative.

Madam Speaker: No one said "no", but I did not put it to the House because it is a congratulatory motion.

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FISHERIES

DEMAND FOR ASSISTANCE TO INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Last night the finance minister announced a special farm financial assistance program which provides for \$200,000,000 over the next two years to assist farmers in financial distress. Naturally, we welcome such an announcement, but at the same time we fail to understand why similar assistance was not provided for the fishing industry which employs 80,000 Canadians and forms the backbone of the economy of the Atlantic provinces. Many companies have been forced into bankruptcy and the industry still faces an uncertain future. I would therefore

move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That this House direct the Minister of Finance to provide immediate assistance to the fishing industry in a program similar to that which is now being offered to the agricultural industry.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to move a motion. Since the majority of Canadian farmers continue to face an intolerable burden because of high interest rates, and since the budget last night did nothing to cope with credit charges on operating loans and on existing credit, even though the additions to Farm Credit Corporation loans will be welcome, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Lewycky):

That this House calls on the Minister of Agriculture to resign because of his unwillingness to deal with the number one problem for farmers in Canada—high interest rates.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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BILINGUALISM

EXPENSE OF SENDING OFFICIALS TO FRANCE FOR LANGUAGE
TRAINING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Last night the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) said that "the private sector and the provinces could not be expected to accept income restraints unless the Government of Canada showed leadership in the conduct of its own affairs." During the past few days, the national press has reported that the assistant secretary to the cabinet for economic development policy, who receives a salary of approximately \$75,000 a year, is to be sent to the south of