

EDUCATION

INCREASE IN UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Madam Speaker, whereas today's Consumer Price Index reveals that tuition fees for Canada's university students this fall are 13 per cent higher than last year; whereas last fall fees rose only 8.2 per cent, and whereas this increase is directly related to the decision of the federal Liberal Government to reduce its obligations under Established Programs Financing, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the Government, which also presided over an increase in the unemployment rate for returning students from 18.4 per cent in 1981 to 27 per cent this summer, stand condemned for increasing the cost of a university education while reducing students' opportunities to pay for such an education.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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HEALTH

MINISTER'S VIEWS ON CANDY CIGARETTES

Mr. Bud Bradley (Haldimand-Norfolk): Madam Speaker, as a professional man I am not one to contradict any activity that would reduce cancer in Canadians. However, Madam Speaker, when the Minister of National Health and Welfare calls on the Confectionery Manufacturers Association of Canada to cease importing, manufacturing and distributing products that resemble pipes, cigars and cigarettes, because they may encourage children to take up smoking in later life, I feel she is going a little too far. Surely the Minister has enough to do running her Department that she need not dabble in areas where she should not. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday):

That the Minister of National Health and Welfare immediately table her medical evidence substantiating the link between candy cigarettes and adult smoking or withdraw her request to the Confectionery Manufacturers Association of Canada and apologize to that Association and to cigarette manufacturers for her totally irresponsible action.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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LOUIS RIEL

ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTION—PLEA FOR POSTHUMOUS PARDON

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, 97 years ago today the Metis leader, Louis Riel, was hanged on a charge of treason for leading his people against the insensitive government of the day. In light of the fact that this hanging remains a black mark on Canada's record for justice and political tolerance, and continues to be an insult to the Metis people of this nation, and as the role of Louis Riel in creating the Province of Manitoba has been recognized with a statue near the Legislature of that Province, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle):

That Louis Riel be granted a posthumous pardon on this, the anniversary of his death.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

MATERNITY BENEFITS SOUGHT FOR PARENTS ADOPTING CHILDREN

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, in July, 1981, the Task Force on Unemployment Insurance recommended that, in the interests of equity and fairness, maternity benefits under the Unemployment Insurance Act should be extended to newly adoptive parents. Parents who adopt children face the same physical, mental, social and economic adjustments as natural parents, but they often have no advance notice of the date of adoption. The present system discriminates against these parents. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That this House urge the Minister of Employment and Immigration to extend maternity benefits to the parents of adopted children who do not now qualify.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.