

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 5, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

DENIAL OF BENEFITS TO SENIOR CITIZENS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and I hope the opposition side will give this matter serious attention.

In view of the fact that since January 1, 1976, 13,500 senior citizens have been illegally denied unemployment insurance benefits, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rosedale (Mr. Crombie):

That this House direct the Minister of Employment and Immigration to immediately bring forward legislation which will overcome the government's previous insensitivity and provide a mechanism that will allow these senior citizens to receive the benefits that they have been owed since 1976.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

FAILURE TO NEGOTIATE ENERGY-PRICING AGREEMENT—CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to place before this House a matter of urgent and pressing concern.

Whereas the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has failed in his attempts to negotiate an energy-pricing agreement with the producing provinces, and whereas the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has given up on new negotiations and asked that a pricing agreement be now negotiated by the first ministers, and whereas the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has, in a speech to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, made inflammatory remarks which have seriously damaged harmony and accord between provinces and the federal government, I move, seconded by the Alberta caucus and by all concerned Canadians:

That the Prime Minister remove the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources from the portfolio he now holds, which he neither understands nor appreciates, and that he be replaced by a new minister with some grasp of this important and sensitive subject.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

DATE FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF NEW CONSTITUTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, I have a motion which, given its importance at this time, I hope will gain unanimous approval of the House. There has been some discussion on both sides to achieve this end.

Considering the national importance of achieving constitutional change and a renewal of Canadian federalism at an early date, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom):

That the House urges the first ministers' conference meeting on June 9 to set, as an outside date for the achievement of a new Canadian constitution, July 1, 1981.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

An hon. Member: Joe said no.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

RECOGNITION OF KETTLE VALLEY RAIL HERITAGE SOCIETY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Fred King (Okanagan-Similkameen): Madam Speaker, I seek the unanimous support of the House on a matter which affects every citizen of Canada who values our history and heritage.

Inasmuch as the Kettle Valley Rail Heritage Society, a self-financed group with some 2,000 members in the Okana-