

*S.O. 43*  
**VIA RAIL**

CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY  
COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Madam Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I rise on behalf of the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who have expressed their absolute opposition and dismay to the elimination of one fifth of Canada's rail passenger service, and to the callous way the government moved unilaterally to dismantle VIA Rail's transportation service. In view of the government's refusal to grant the people of Canada the right to be heard on this most important matter, and given the lack of clear and definitive policy on rail passenger service, I move, seconded by the right hon. member for Yellowhead (Mr. Clark):

That this House instruct the minister to rescind the order in council, and that a special select parliamentary committee be struck to hold full public hearings and to establish thoroughly a clear rail passenger policy and a clear VIA mandate so it can function on a sound financial and legal basis.

In support of this motion, I hereby submit for immediate consideration to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of Transport, the findings of a special Progressive Conservative task force on rail passenger service, entitled "The Last Straw", which hopefully all members will agree to have appended to *Hansard* of this date.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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**THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED**

PROVISION OF FACILITIES ON AIR CANADA FLIGHTS—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas, even though this is the year of the disabled, the Trudeau government—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Taylor:** —is building its transportation policies on the backs of the disabled, particularly wheelchair Canadians—for example, it plans to remove one fifth of the rail lines in Canada, a mode of travel used widely by the disabled—and by not even providing a "Washington Chair" as required equipment on Air Canada flights, which would enable the severely disabled at least to get to the washroom, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Haldimand-Norfolk (Mr. Bradley):

That this House urges the government to continue the rail services and to provide a "Washington Chair" on all Air Canada trips lasting two hours or more.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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**THE ECONOMY**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO REDUCE INFLATION—MOTION UNDER  
S.O. 43

**Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parkdale-High Park):** Madam Speaker, I rise seeking the attention of all hon. members of this House on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the terms of Standing Order 43. On Wednesday, October 28, in Toronto, the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) outlined three guiding principles for this country to follow in order to combat our number one economic enemy, inflation. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dollard (Mr. Desmarais):

That collective restraint, equity for all, and growth be the guiding principles of this Parliament and of all three parties in this House to reduce inflation in Canada.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF LINGUISTIC INSTITUTE IN  
BRITISH COLUMBIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Madam Speaker, while half of all Canadian native languages are in British Columbia, three of these are presently extinct and the remaining 27 are also in danger of extinction unless something is done to protect them.

My colleague in the B.C. legislature representing Victoria, Mr. Gordon Hanson, who is in the House today, has been fighting for the establishment of a native language institute for British Columbia and has received widespread support from Indian bands, churches, unions, and university departments.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That members of this House recognize the vital importance of language to culture and social wellbeing, and that we endorse the proposal for a native language institute for the province of British Columbia, with a commitment to work with the British Columbia government toward its early establishment.

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