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unnecessary bankruptcy of a successful Canadian trading firm employing 11 people in Montreal and 28 people in Vancouver.

Because of the inability of the Department of Supply and Services to honour a firm contract it made with the transportation contractors for the carriage of aid wheat from west coast Canadian ports to Bangladesh, all because of a bureaucratic entanglement involving the Department of Supply and Services, CIDA, the Canadian Wheat Board and the Department of Justice, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Minister of Justice, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the minister responsible for CIDA, the minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board, the Minister of Supply and Services and, if necessary, the President of the Treasury Board, call an emergency meeting with their officials and out of that meeting give an assurance to Maritime Agencies Ltd. that past due damages in excess of \$450,000, and a commitment to Maritime Agencies Ltd. on substantiated costs due to lack of grain being delivered to the port on present contracts, will be forthcoming immediately, in order to prevent an unnecessary bankruptcy with loss of jobs and subsequent action against the Crown by creditors.

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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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

POLLUTION OF FISH—DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEM OF ACID RAIN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Given the fact that due to environmental pollution, sports fishermen are being warned not to eat the fish they catch out of certain lakes and river systems, that aside from this problem certain lakes and other bodies of water are being stripped of all aquatic life by acid rain, and because of the detrimental effect this will have on the tourist industry of Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan North (Mr. Dantzer):

That this House urge the minister responsible to do all he can in ongoing discussions with American authorities to impress upon them our deep concern in this regard and to urge them most strenuously to take all proper action to avoid the proliferation of this problem.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST PRIORITY GIVEN TO SIGNING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Rae (Broadview-Greenwood): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact the Canadian government is actively negotiating international tax treaties with dozens of countries throughout the world, while the negotiation of social security agreements with many countries flounder for lack of clear government commitment and priority, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Lewycky):

That this House urges the government to make the signing of international social security agreements a top priority, in order that Canadian citizens and the parents of Canadian citizens are not prejudiced from being reunited with their families by the lack of such agreements.

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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INQUIRY THE MINISTRY

FORMER NDP LEADER APPOINTED TO BOARD OF HUSKY OIL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, regarding a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Announcements appearing on the financial pages of major Canadian newspapers indicate that the former leader of the socialist New Democratic Party, the Hon. Tommy Douglas, has joined the board of directors of the capitalist Husky Oil company. In view of the fact he has become a "Texas buccaneer" and a "corporate welfare bum", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That the words of that popular and well-known union song be amended to read:

"The working class can damn my brass,
But I've got the job with Husky Gas."

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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NATIONAL RESOURCES

GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT IN SALE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA COAL TO JAPAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas Senator Perrault stated that the Canadian government is