HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 18, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT INTEREST RATE POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, in February of last year 158,000 workers were employed in the St. Catharines-Niagara region. This February only 130,000 are so employed. That 18 per cent drop is largely due to the decline in the automotive industry. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That the Minister of Finance bring a halt to his insane high interest rate policy that is destroying the new car market and keeping auto workers on the Unemployment Insurance Commission line.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

EMPLOYMENT

FUNDING FOR OUTREACH PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, given that the Outreach program has been more successful than the government's own employment centres in finding jobs for women returning to the work force, and for handicapped women and others, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Island (Miss MacDonald):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration explain why he proposes a 5 per cent cut in funding to the Outreach program this year, as if he wishes to penalize an organization which has proved its capacity to find jobs for women.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

FINANCE

CALCULATION OF TAX ON IMPUTED RENTAL INCOME—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Perth (Mr. Jarvis):

That the Minister of Finance be severely reprimanded, castigated and removed from office for including in his budget documents the suggestion that \$4.5 billion to \$7 billion could be collected through the taxation of imputed rental income on homes owned by individual Canadians.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

CALL FOR REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON DEPOSITING OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. All members of this House are aware that credit unions and caisses populaires do not compete on an equitable basis with the chartered banks of Canada. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker):

That the government introduce legislation to amend Sections 11 and 71 of the Financial Administration Act to allow government departments and agencies the opportunity to deposit funds in financial institutions other than chartered banks.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

FINANCE

GOVERNMENT POSITION ON TAXATION OF IMPUTED RENTAL INCOME—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, in his November budget the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) imposed a number of unjust and unfair taxation measures, not in an effort to create tax equity but to raise