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of the important interim committee of the IMF which advises all member countries on the management and adaptation of the international monetary system, and since the economic well-being of Canada will depend to a large extent on the solving of world economic problems through agencies like the IMF, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Niagara Falls (Mr. MacBain):

That this House urges the hon. member for York-Simcoe to withdraw his frivolous, foolish and insulting motion questioning the attendance of the Minister of Finance at important international gatherings such as the current IMF meeting in Gabon.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

IMPORTATION OF MEXICAN OIL—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 the heavy sulphur content of Mexican oil is causing severe problems at our refineries, as well as increased sulphur emissions into the atmosphere and, in addition, this so-called oil is costing the people of Canada millions of dollars more than Alberta oil would cost even at 75 per cent of the Chicago price, therefore I move, seconded by the hon, member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour):

That this House deplores this waste of taxpayers' money and this shameful discrimination of this Liberal government against the province of Alberta.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HOUSING

APARTMENT VACANCY RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Recent CMHC figures show apartment vacancy rates down to the unacceptably low national average of 1.8 per cent, a drop of 1 per cent from one year ago. Some provincial governments, however, have moved to alleviate the problem through interest-free loans to developers. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That this House call upon the government to implement a program that will assist private developers to construct apartments for Canadians who are now having difficulties finding a place to live.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for such a motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE ECONOMY

WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I wish to introduce the following motion. Whereas both the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) have been extremely evasive and prevaricative on whether or not they plan to implement wage and price controls, or exchange controls, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the Minister of Finance be immediately recalled to Canada and that he be obliged to make a clear statement, if that is at all possible for the hon. gentleman, as to whether or not the Liberal government again plans to impose wage and price controls on Canadians.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

PENSIONS

CALL FOR INCREASE IN SURVIVOR BENEFITS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett), I move:

That this House notes that under various government superannuation plans, if the wife dies first the surviving widower's pension is 100 per cent but that if the husband dies first the surviving widow's pension is only 50 per cent, and this House calls on the government to bring in the necessary legislation to correct this situation on an interim basis by raising the widow's pension in all such cases to 75 per cent, and to declare that the eventual goal is pension equality between men and women.

If we believe in equality, let us practise it.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.