

*Hydro Rates***THE CANADIAN ECONOMY**

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON MEASURES TO CREATE JOBS FOR
THE UNEMPLOYED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that yesterday's Statistics Canada figures disclosed that the unemployment rate in Canada in October was the highest in 15 years and that the unemployment rate in October for young people between the ages of 15 and 24 has reached the rate of one out of every nine people in that age group, I ask for leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That this House regrets the government's failure to provide the stimulus needed to create jobs for Canada's unemployed, and particularly for young people who are unemployed, and instructs the Minister of Finance to make a statement on motions at the earliest opportunity disclosing what special measures the government intends to take to deal with this problem.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be presented only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ANTI-INFLATION BOARD

SUGGESTION BOARD REVIEW PROPOSED RATE INCREASE BY
ONTARIO HYDRO—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to deal with a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the Ontario Conservative government is planning to implement a 30.3 per cent increase in hydro rates in Ontario, and in view of the fact that such an increase makes a mockery of the federal government's so-called anti-inflation program, and in view of the fact that such a large increase would literally wreck the budgets of low income Canadians, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview (Mr. Gilbert):

That this House instruct the federal Anti-Inflation Board to review this increase with a view to rolling it back, in line with the guidelines which have been established for wage increases.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be presented to the House only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE STUDY OF ALLEGED REFUSAL TO
ANNOUNCE OPENING OF FRENCH STATION IN REGINA—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Claude-André Lachance (Lafontaine-Rosemont): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion on an urgent matter of national interest concerning specifically the duty of the CBC to promote national unity and reflect the Canadian reality.

Considering that on Monday November 8 the CBC refused to broadcast on the national network the inauguration of another link in the chain of local French-speaking stations in Regina because, according to the directors, this was not a matter of national interest, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier):

That the house refer this matter to the Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts so as to reconsider the priorities set by the directors of the CBC French-speaking network in the light of the specific duty imposed on it by the legislation.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent; therefore the motion cannot be put.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION

GOVERNMENT POSITION ON PROPOSED RATE INCREASES—
REQUEST FOR TABLING OF REPORT OF TASK FORCE AND
AMENDMENT OF SECTION TEN OF ACT

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. My question arises out of the massive power rate increases proposed by the Northern Canada Power Commission, which will total 89 per cent for Yellowknife consumers and 100 per cent for those living at Fort Simpson. As the minister knows, many of the people involved there are either pensioners or native people living on fixed incomes. As he also knows, these proposed increases will take effect only with the approval of the Cabinet. I should like the minister to tell us whether the cabinet intends to approve this unfair increase on the people of the northern territories.