

Government Orders

Therefore, the petitioners call upon Parliament to freeze unemployment insurance premium rates for one year.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall all questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52

Mr. Angus: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. There have been some consultations. As you are aware, the member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte also put in an application. Our preference would be that the hon. member be allowed to put his first.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps I can assist the House. Yesterday, the hon. member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte gave me notice of an application for an emergency debate. I have received today an application from another member on the same issue. I will hear the hon. member for Nanaimo—Cowichan, if he wishes to be heard.

I understand the courtesy of the hon. member for inviting the hon. member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte to speak first, but under the rules of this place I am bound to hear the hon. member for Nanaimo—Cowichan.

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, I thought I heard the hon. member indicate to the House that he was relinquishing his place to my colleague from Newfoundland. Is that not acceptable to the Chair? I seek the guidance of the Chair on that. Perhaps we need the—

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. House leader and I could discuss the matter privately, but I have made the decision and I am afraid we have to stick to it.

FISHERIES

Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan): Mr. Speaker, as you said, yesterday I gave notice that I wished to seek leave to adjourn the House for the purpose of debating an urgent issue, namely the failure of the northern cod fishery.

The collapse of this economic mainstay of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia represents an economic crisis for dozens of communities and thousands of people. These Canadians urgently require an indication of the kind of short and long-term strategies the government will employ to deal with this crisis. The imminent summer recess will diminish the ability of these Canadians to speak to government through their representatives, therefore I request that we adjourn the House to debate this important issue.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Nanaimo—Cowichan has raised essentially the same question that was raised yesterday by the hon. member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte. I know—and I want to say this to the House—that the hon. member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte today supports the position of the hon. member for Nanaimo—Cowichan.

As I said yesterday, it seems to me obvious to all hon. members that this matter is a very serious one. Yesterday I advised that I had listened very carefully to the exchange in the House in Question Period with respect to this. I am going to do that again today.

I am not prepared at this time to order the proceedings of the House be adjourned for an emergency debate, but I am saying both to the hon. member for Nanaimo—Cowichan and the hon. member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte, and to other members who come from Newfoundland and Labrador and other members who are very concerned about this, that I am paying very close attention to the exchanges in the House on this very serious matter.

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