

S.O. 43

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND LENGTH OF PARLIAMENTS AND
TIMING OF ELECTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. It arises from the uncontrolled, discretionary power vested in the leader of a discredited and useless administration to postpone an opportunity for the electorate to reject the government, which situation continues the existing state of chaos and confusion in the country. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Egmont (Mr. MacDonald):

That this House take steps to constitute a parliamentary committee to examine and report on the question of fixing the duration of parliaments and limiting the right of prime ministers to decide on an election date on the basis of partisan political expediency.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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MANPOWER

ALLEGATION MINISTER OF FINANCE USING INFLUENCE FOR
JOB PLACEMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cecil Smith (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In the summers of 1976 and 1977, students from Shawinigan received preferential treatment in filling jobs in the mines at Flin Flon. Students arrived with their papers completed, thus bypassing the local Manpower counsellors and taking jobs that students in Flin Flon should have filled. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Annapolis Valley (Mr. Nowlan):

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That the Minister of Finance not use his office to influence the preferential placements of students from his constituency in Flin Flon this summer.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Speaker.]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

COMMITMENT OF CANADIAN PEACEKEEPING FORCES SUBJECT
TO PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock): Mr. Speaker, I rise on an urgent and pressing matter under the provisions of Standing Order 43. My motion concerns fears that the government is about to abandon the principle, reinforced by the Right Hon. Lester B. Pearson when he was in office, that no commitment of peacekeeping forces shall be made without the approval of this House by affirmative resolution. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon):

That as a binding principle of foreign policy, the government of the day, following the precedent set by a motion made by the former Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Hon. Lester B. Pearson on March 13, 1964, on the deployment of peacekeeping forces to Cyprus, shall not make a commitment of forces to a peacekeeping mission without the express consent of this House by affirmative resolution.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INCOME TAX

SUGGESTED DEDUCTION FOR VOLUNTARY FIREMEN—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, pursuant to Standing Order 43. In light of the fact that volunteer firefighters risk life and limb at all hours of the day and night to provide fire protection and emergency services for in excess of 2,500 communities in all provinces and territories, and in light of the fact that towns and municipalities provide compensation to volunteer firemen for their donation of time and personal expense, while the Government of Canada allows them only \$300 maximum for tax exemption purposes, which does not cover costs and acts as a disincentive to serve, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House acknowledge that due to inflation, the federal government deduction of \$300 per year under the Income Tax Act is grossly inadequate and, further, that the allowable annual deduction for costs incurred by these community-minded volunteers be raised to the level of \$1,000 per year.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.