

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 4, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS IN HEART MONTH HOCKEY GAME—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing importance under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas members from all parties in this House participated in a benefit hockey game for the Heart Foundation last night, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East (Mr. Allmand):

That the House of Commons of Canada congratulate the members in this House who participated in upholding the good name of this institution through their participation and express its wholehearted support for Heart Month in Canada.

Madam Speaker: I am sure the House will want to applaud this fantastic feat accomplished by our hockey players last evening. They played a wonderful game.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SUPPORT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSALS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) has described the government's decision to withdraw the provisions of the constitutional package concerning suspension of the Senate's veto power as "the most cynical sell-out" in the government's attempt to win support for its constitutional package. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Cariboo-Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway):

That on the basis of the proposition that it takes one to know one, this House recognizes the cynical sell-out of the NDP in its support for the government's constitutional package, thereby selling out Canadian sovereignty in domestic affairs to British control over our destiny which the leader of the NDP describes as "a civilized package".

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

PROCESSING OF CLAIMS OF FISHERMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I would like to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas fishermen on the coast of British Columbia are waiting two and a half to three months before notice of qualification for unemployment insurance is being granted and are experiencing a further delay before receiving income, whereas the Department of Employment and Immigration seriously underestimated the claims this year by in excess of 100 per cent, consequently understaffed their offices and are unable to handle these claims, and whereas people are now being evicted and are unable to earn sufficient income, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration move immediately to relieve this disastrous situation by allowing sufficient staff to handle the claims that are before these overburdened offices to be processed quickly.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

LOBBYING BY PUBLISHER OF "THE GLOBE AND MAIL"—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Smith (Don Valley East): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that A. Roy Megarry, publisher of *The Globe and Mail*, finally exposed his bias against the constitutional resolution and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) while lobbying on behalf of the provinces in London yesterday, in a speech probably ghost-written by Brian Peckford or Sterling Lyon, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Willowdale (Mr. Peterson):