

S.O. 43

YUKON TERRITORY

ECONOMIC INITIATIVES PROPOSED BY TERRITORIAL
GOVERNMENT

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The economy of the Yukon is on the verge of total collapse. In September of this year the Government of the Yukon issued a series of detailed proposals for recovery which were presented to the Western Committee of Cabinet on September 10. Since then no response has been forthcoming from the federal Government. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone):

That the federal Government move immediately to support the imaginative initiatives proposed by the Yukon Government before the Territory is reduced to a complete economic disaster area.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

REACTION TO INTRODUCTION OF CLOSURE

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, because legislation to enact a bill entitled Canagrex is before the House of Commons with the vice/verse of closure, and since the Bill would create yet another Crown corporation when the Auditor General has just stated that 480 Crown corporations are a subgovernment without accountability, and because Clause 14 of the Canagrex legislation gives the Government extraordinary powers of control over farm management, production, and sales, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger):

That this Parliament warn the Government that whenever it introduces closure simultaneously, on two stages of debate, and before any debate on the said stages has taken place, and does so while debate on another issue is taking place, it should continue to understand that there will be a parliamentary price to pay.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

● (1410)

THE HONOURABLE MEMBER FOR YUKON

CONGRATULATIONS ON TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF
ELECTION TO HOUSE

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, today marks a quarter century of service by a parliamentary pugilist who is loved by the Tories, feared by the Speaker, barely tolerated by the Liberals, and ignored by the NDP. This gentleman is nevertheless universally admired for his knowledge of procedure and his ability to use it to frustrate his opponents. Many the hapless MP has had his verbal breakaway stopped short by our parliamentary Eddie Shack.

Given this auspicious occasion, I would like to take this opportunity to move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Members of this House extend their unanimous congratulations to the Hon. Member for Yukon on 25 years of distinguished service to his Party and to our nation.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: With this reservation, that the Speaker is not afraid of him.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Nielsen: Thank you for that.

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BANKS AND BANKING

CUT IN SERVICES TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Banks across the country are cutting back services to their communities while maintaining the spread between interest rates and loans. Several branches in one-back towns in my constituency have closed. The others have restricted their hours of operation. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson):

That the Government instruct the federally chartered banks to cease their current practice of cutting services to rural communities by closing or restricting branch operations.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.