

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 23, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FINANCE

THE BUDGET—CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. It is no secret that last November's budget was a political disaster. It was also a personal disaster for the average Canadian, and three cabinet ministers agreed. One illustration of this comes from a constituent who writes:

Having just gone through a 34.9 per cent increase in my mortgage cost in December, now I am being told my company car will add \$900 to my taxes. I just got the car 6 months ago as part of my total wage package. I don't have a chance to renegotiate my wage, and with the decline in the economy I have little leverage. The proposed budget and changes to the status of company cars is unfair.

In light of this complaint and thousands of others, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That this House urges the Minister of Finance to withdraw the budget and, after proper consultation with the private sector and citizens groups, to introduce a budget that really is fair and equitable.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

SOVIET UNION—UKRAINIAN PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Madam Speaker, my motion today under the provisions of Standing Order 43 is further to a petition I presented a few weeks ago signed by nearly 11,000 people. It relates to continued violations by the Soviet Union of national and human rights in the Ukraine, which today, along with Afghanistan, Poland, and the Baltic nations, bears the brunt of such violations. Canada is a respected member of the international community for her role

in promoting national and human rights and social justice in the world, and it supports the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Declaration on Independence for Colonial Countries and Peoples which states that:

The subjugation of peoples to alien subjugation, domination and exploitation constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights, is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and is an impediment to the promotion of world peace and co-operation.

In view of the fact that the government of the U.S.S.R. continues to persecute and imprison numerous Ukrainians who uphold the aforementioned rights, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That the Canadian government be required to employ all the necessary steps to persuade the government of the U.S.S.R. to release from imprisonment and/or exile the following of the Ukrainian Helsinki Monitoring Group: Yuriy Shukhevych, Lev Lukyanenko, Oksana Popovych, Mykola Rudenko, Ivan Hell, Ivan Kandyba, Rev. Vasyi Romanyuk.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

EFFECT OF POLICIES ON EDMONTON COMPANIES—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton South): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Elzinga):

That the Minister of Finance explain why his policies, on just one day last week, forced four companies which belong to the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce, into receivership, and four companies to lay off 172 employees and I will provide the minister confidentially with a list of these companies. Further, that the Minister of Finance consult with the management of these companies to learn first-hand the kinds of fiscal policies necessary in the next budget, which the whole country hopes will be very soon, to rescue the economy and encourage again the entrepreneurial spirit originally responsible for the development of Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.