

S.O. 43

[English]

POLITICAL PARTIES

SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT POLICIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Madam Speaker, the unemployment figures released today show that, despite our country's wealth and resources, officially over 9 per cent of our labour force cannot find work. Yet Saskatchewan, which just a few years ago was a have-not province, has now the lowest unemployment rate in Canada. Through sound management of its resources and the economy, the government of Allan Blakeney has provided economic stability, steady growth, and a balanced budget, at a time when the rest of the country is experiencing an economic depression. Saskatchewan has led the way in pioneering new social programs and is now a leader in economic planning and management. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Humboldt-Lake Centre (Mr. Althouse):

That the House recognize the success of the Saskatchewan government under Allan Blakeney in managing its economy and that the Government of Canada follow the lead Saskatchewan has provided.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT INTEREST RATE POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, earlier this week the American T-bill rate dropped over 40 basis points. Yesterday our T-bill rate went up eight basis points, and this week alone our interest rates have risen a further one half per cent over American rates. Liberal interest rates more than any other single factor are causing massive unemployment. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Portage-Marquette (Mr. Mayer):

That the government forthwith cease its Liberal high interest rate policy and cease supporting our dollar by driving business and labour into bankruptcy with higher and higher interest rates.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

NEED FOR IMPROVEMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, the problem of Seaway capacity, especially at the Welland Canal, is a major concern. At least \$150 million worth of improvements is necessary. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That the Minister of Transport immediately start work on improvements both to boost Seaway revenues and to provide much needed jobs for some of the 1.2 million Canadians unemployed as a result of the abysmal planning of the Liberal government.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

CANADIAN FORCES BASE CHATHAM, N.B.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has stated that the air force base at Chatham, New Brunswick, has "a permanent status in Canada's national defence plans," and he vowed it would never close as long as he was the Prime Minister of the country. It is projected that the closure of CFB Chatham will withdraw some \$30 million annually in earning and purchasing power from the communities of Chatham and Newcastle. Already 15 to 20 businesses have shut their doors in anticipation of the closure. Many more have given their notice of leaving in the future. In view of the economic strangulation which will be brought about by the closure I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn):

That the government prevent the region from becoming a maritime ghost town and that it grant Chatham permanent status as a defence base in accordance with the Prime Minister's hollow promise.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FALKLAND ISLANDS—SUGGESTED AIRLIFT FOR CANADIAN CITIZENS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter which I have discussed with the office of the Secretary of State for External