

CROWN CORPORATIONSSECURITY SURROUNDING SALARIES PAID TO SENIOR OFFICERS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I move, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the government forthwith end the fiction of maintaining secrecy about salaries paid to the senior officers of Crown corporations and that the government adopt the philosophy that, if they are paid with public moneys, the public has a right to know.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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VETERANS AFFAIRSDEPARTMENTAL DELAY IN PROCESSING CLAIMS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, the delays encountered by the veterans of Canada in having their claims for benefit processed by the Department of Veterans Affairs are intolerable. There can be no justification at all for veterans having to wait years while the bureaucracy, which may well be overworked, attempts to struggle with their heavy load. I therefore move on behalf of my absent colleague, the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent):

That the Minister of Veterans Affairs immediately take whatever steps are necessary to reduce the waiting period for veterans' claims and to review veterans legislation now to ensure that it adequately responds to the needs of today's society in all of its ramifications.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SOCIAL SCIENCEFUNDING FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH
COUNCIL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. A free and independent research community is absolutely essential to Canada's growth. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

Oral Questions

That the recent announcement of the government's five-year plan for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, which for the first time introduces the concept of government directed strategic themes into the area of funding of research, in other words, under the guise of Canadianization, forces that council to begin to study only those matters which are important to the Liberal Party, that this manipulation of Canadian independent thought be soundly condemned by this House.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SMALL BUSINESS

SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOUR—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that both the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Business Development Bank have stated that a lack of skilled labour is a number one problem facing many members of the small business community, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kindersley-Lloydminster (Mr. McKnight):

That the federal government encourage more co-operation among business, government, unions and educational institutions by establishing industrial training advisory boards in order to achieve more on-the-job training.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

TAXATION OF MINERS

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue who said in this House the other day, in reference to the province of Newfoundland, that the budget he is defending is "better for Newfoundland than any other part of the country." He went on to say, "By far the majority of the people of Newfoundland will see their incomes improve as a result of the budget."

My question to the Minister of National Revenue is quite precise. I want to ask him whether he includes among those citizens of Newfoundland and Labrador whose position will be