

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, November 17, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE BUDGET

PROVISIONS AFFECTING FARMERS' RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43. The November 12 budget of the government has been a direct attack against farmers in the area of capital gains tax, annuities, and retirement savings plans, bringing to an end for many the only retirement plan they have. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bruce-Grey (Mr. Gurbin):

That this House call on the government to reverse this action with regard to farmers.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF INCENTIVES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bud Bradley (Haldimand-Norfolk): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Massey-Ferguson has now essentially closed down its Canadian operation, stating interest rates and the sliding economy as the cause. Surely the government can read the signs. If drastic steps are not taken immediately, and I do not mean a pittance like in the so-called budget, many more agricultural related industries are going to follow Massey-Ferguson. In fact, agriculture itself as we know it in Canada could well be at an end. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson):

That this government immediately take steps to force a massive drop in interest rates and offer agriculture some incentives before it is too late for agriculture-related industry, its workers, and agriculture itself.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

THE BUDGET

CALL FOR MINISTER'S RESIGNATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, whereas the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) has presented a budget which calls for an increase of 22 per cent in government expenditures while at the same time doing absolutely nothing for the poor, the pensioners, and does next to nothing to alleviate the desperate situation facing home owners, small businesses and farmers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That this House condemns the Minister of Finance for holding out false hopes to Canadians as they waited for the budget to be presented, and that because of the little impact the budget will have in alleviating the serious problems facing farmers, home owners, small businesses and pensioners, that the Minister of Finance do now resign.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR NORTHERN RESIDENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Rae (Broadview-Greenwood): Madam Speaker, since the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) stated in his budget speech that "I am extending for another year the special tax remission to employees working in the north and isolated posts," and since once again the minister in his speech did not give a full accounting of the truth, in that any collective agreement signed after November 13, 1981, will not be allowed to grant tax-exempt benefits for northern residents in the coming year, and all tax arrangements after January 1, 1983, are cancelled, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That this House condemn the government for removing tax-exempt benefits for northern residents without providing an alternative, and that this House notes the addition to parliamentary language of the term "a MacEachenism", meaning a half-truth, a statement which has the effect of leaving a false impression, and notes further that this budget literally sparkles with such "MacEachenisms".

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!