

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, March 16, 1979

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION OF OPERATIONS—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Robert de Cotret (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In light of the fact that the federal government undertook five years ago to invest almost \$6 million of taxpayers' money on the development and operation of a commercial restaurant, tavern and theatre at 10-12-18 York Street, Ottawa, and in light of the fact that thousands of dollars worth of imported antiques are deteriorating in the basement, together with \$50,000 worth of imported wine, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Ottawa-Carleton (Mrs. Pigott):

That this House direct the Auditor General to undertake a detailed examination of the management, control and financial accounting practices of the National Capital Commission, with particular reference to the tendering procedures and the development of 10-12-18 York Street, Ottawa.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion can be introduced for debate at this time only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

RIISING PRICES—STEPS TO ALLEVIATE HARDSHIP CAUSED TO  
SENIOR CITIZENS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent), I move:

That this House notes the tremendous increases that have taken place in the cost of food and clothing, which have a particular effect on Canada's senior citizens, and this House therefore calls on the government to establish a special consumer price index for senior citizens related to the things they have to buy,

and also to add a special supplement to the April pension cheques to help cover the severe increases in food and clothing costs announced today by Statistics Canada.

**Mr. Speaker:** The introduction of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO VANCOUVER—MOTION UNDER  
S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of pressing necessity concerning an appearance by the Prime Minister at a question and answer session before students in Vancouver yesterday, and reports in the press today that he indulged in displays of temper.

I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington)—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle).

**Mr. Cossitt:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order—

**Some hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Prince George-Peace River.

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● (1110)

### FORESTRY

CALL FOR RETENTION OF FOREST INVENTORY PROGRAM—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, having regard to the fact that as a result of recent efforts to reorganize and further devolve the Canadian Forestry Service, one of its crucial functions and programs, namely, the monitoring and management of forest inventories through remote sensing, will be phased out as a result of the departure of all scientific personnel attached to this program, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta (Mr. Siddon):