

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, December 6, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FINANCE

PROPOSED CUT IN FEDERAL SALES TAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of great urgency. Today's unemployment rate of 8.4 per cent coupled with the inflation rate of 8.8 per cent yields an economic misery index of 17.2 per cent. In view of the consistent deterioration of our economic performance, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Cadieu):

That this House instruct the government to consider the advisability of an immediate substantial cut in federal sales taxes on Canadian made consumer durable goods, which would have the effect of both lowering prices and increasing employment in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented at this time only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

UNEMPLOYMENT—REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO CREATE JOBS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the reported statements by the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) that Canadians "have been spoiled rotten and have been living too high on the hog" and further, according to the minister, what Canadians need is a "kick in the gut", and considering that over 1.3 million unemployed Canadians want jobs not handouts or unemployment insurance, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House agrees that the Minister of Employment and Immigration in particular and the federal government in general need the strongest possible kick, not in the gut but in the lower part of their anatomy, from the Canadian

people in order to get them to take the leadership required to produce jobs for Canadians.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

UNEMPLOYMENT—SUGGESTION EMPLOYMENT MINISTER
PROVIDE TAPES AND TRANSCRIPTS OF REMARKS AT OTTAWA
UNIVERSITY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a motion similar to that of the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) with regard to Canada's drastic unemployment. The Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) made a number of comments to a group of "New" Liberals at the University of Ottawa in which he was reported as saying Canadians need a "kick in the gut" and have been "living too high off the hog". Since most Canadians would like to read the full context of the minister's remarks in order to be aware of the heartlessness of this government and its dismissal of our present economic state as being not its fault but the fault of somebody else, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie):

That this House requests the Minister of Employment to make both a tape of his conversation last weekend at the University of Ottawa and a transcript of those remarks available to all individuals who request such.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate at this time only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

MANPOWER

SUGGESTION ADDITIONAL FUNDS BE DEVOTED TO TRAINING
STUDENTS IN LA SARRE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity.

In view of the fact that the Canada Manpower Centre in the La Sarre region has run out of the money it had earmarked for its adult vocational training program, and that some sixty people would consequently be deprived of their training from February 1978 to September 1978, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Villeneuve (Mr. Caouette):