

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, February 10, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

LONG-TERM FUNDING FOR RESEARCH COUNCILS—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to propose a motion of urgent importance, as it relates to the keystone of opportunity for our young people. In view of the government's shameful decade of neglect toward scientific and technological research, which has seen a continual erosion of financial support for research laboratories and scientific training programs across Canada, and in light of the recent disgusting flip-flop by cabinet, which effectively scuttles the five-year plan of the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough East (Mr. Gilchrist):

That the government be required to reinstate immediately the NSERC five-year plan, which had been approved by the former Clark government, and to adopt corresponding long-term plans of funding for the medical and social sciences so that our scientific researchers may develop, with some assurance, their research interests here in Canada instead of packing up their bright ideas and heading to the United States or elsewhere.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE CONSTITUTION

SUGGESTION MINISTER ATTEND INDEPENDENT CONFERENCE  
OF WOMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Because the minister responsible for the status of women has manipulated the postponement of the conference on women and the Constitution planned by the Advisory Council on the Status of Women so as to avoid embarrassing the government, women from across Canada have organized their own independent confer-

ence this coming weekend. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Malpeque (Mr. Gass):

That the House urge the minister responsible for the status of women to attend the weekend conference, humbly realizing that such conferences can be a learning experience even for him, and that if he is discharging his responsibilities properly, their discussions will not embarrass either him or his government colleagues.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### MEDICAL CARE ACT

SYSTEM OF PREMIUM PAYMENTS IN ONTARIO—MOTION UNDER  
S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill):** Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43. Whereas the Medical Care Act states that each province's health care plan must provide for universal coverage, whereas the Ontario government does not seem to know, or otherwise refuses to admit, that between 15 per cent and 20 per cent of Ontarians are not covered, according to the figures available through research done by certain community health groups in Toronto, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae):

That this House instruct the federal government to investigate how many people in Ontario are actually not covered by OHIP because of the inadequate and unfair premium system employed in Ontario which has led to the present situation in which it can truthfully be said that Ontario is not living up to its technical and moral obligations under the Medical Care Act and the Established Programs Financing Act.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE CONSTITUTION

ALLIANCE OF LIBERAL AND NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTIES—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr.