

S.O. 43

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

GOVERNMENT VOLUNTARY ACTION POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, yesterday the Undersecretary of State amazed the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture by describing the Secretary of State as the "advocate minister to the voluntary sector". The minister, however, for the second time failed to meet the committee to discuss his departmental estimates on this subject, and has been silent on the government's intentions regarding Canadian volunteers.

Since the consumer price index is 11.3 per cent higher than April, 1981, and Canadians therefore have less money available to support vital charitable and voluntary programs, and since the Undersecretary of State confirmed yesterday that departmental work has been completed for cabinet on the comprehensive federal government voluntary action policy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the government announce immediately its long-awaited policy with regard to the voluntary sector, including the acceptance of the give and take tax proposals.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

COMPOSITION OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle) is quoted in a news story today as saying, "When you have people all the way from Genghis Khan to Karl Marx, you cannot expect them all to stand up behind the leader and support him." I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That since it is fairly simple for anyone to pick out a Genghis Khan, that the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River rise in his place and identify which one of his caucus colleagues he would classify as a Karl Marx.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSES TO "OBSTACLES" REPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The Secretary of State responsible for coordinating the implementation of the "Obstacles" report on the disabled and handicapped, indicated on March 23, in response to a question from the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale), that he planned to table further responses from various departments within 30 days. As of tomorrow 60 days will have passed since that commitment. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson):

That this House urges the Secretary of State to table forthwith any further responses now available to the report, "Obstacles".

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

SUGGESTED MERGER OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL PARTIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, as has already been noted this morning in the press, a very distinguished member of the Conservative Party, the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle), revealed that the Conservative Party lacks coherent principles, and that the average political science student could not tell the difference between a Conservative and a Liberal. Therefore, and in light of the cynical appointment of "Jumping" Jack Horner, the most famous Liberal-Conservative of them all, as chairman of the CNR, an act which is the epitome of a lack of principles, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong):

That the PCs and the Liberals move to rationalize the political system through a merger of their parties, thus saving money, lessening confusion, and making clear who really are the fellow travellers in this country.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Western Arctic.

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FINANCE

ESTIMATED GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, as the Liberal recession worsens it becomes evident that the predictions made at the time of the last budget will be way out