

especially its sympathy with these innocent victims, a minute during which we should reflect on ways of assisting and comforting them.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the motion by the hon. member. Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

THE MINISTRY

CALL FOR REPLACEMENT OF MINISTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Mr. Speaker, the C.D. Howe Institute, in a departure from its normal political reticence, has said that the main problem in Canada since the early 1970s has been federal leadership mismanagement of the economy. The latest budget is described as an “abysmal stewardship report”, and Institute fears that Canada may have “reached a point where it is impossible for its leaders to secure the co-operation needed to make a positive response to the country’s economic predicament”. The commentary continued that “in a non-governmental organization such performance would lead to a replacement of its leadership”. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Perth (Mr. Jarvis):

That the Liberal Party replace its leadership, and the government retire wornout cabinet ministers by introducing fresh faces with new economic policies to give a positive direction to the country and hope to the Canadian people.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the member to move this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LOUIS RIEL

PROPOSAL THAT POSTHUMOUS PARDON BE GRANTED—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, I wish publicly to thank all those Members of Parliament and Senators who responded affirmatively to my letter to grant Louis Riel a posthumous pardon. Many MPs, from all three parties, consider such action appropriate to remove a blot from the Canadian system of justice and at the same time view with compassion the difficulties experienced by our political leaders during the early formation of the integral parts of our nation. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I again move, seconded by the two original seconders, the hon. member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly) and the hon. member for Cochrane-

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Superior (Mr. Penner), and I do this with greater certainty that members from all parties wish to support this motion:

That this House grant Louis Riel a posthumous pardon for the crime of high treason.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the member to move this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

EMPLOYMENT

DIRECT JOB-CREATION PROGRAM—DESIGNATION OF ELIGIBLE CONSTITUENCIES

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Employment and Immigration, the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister, I will put my question to the President of the Treasury Board.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Peterson: Where is Joe Clark?

Mr. Smith: Where is Crosbie and where is Nielsen?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Kingston and the Islands.

Miss MacDonald: Obviously Liberal members opposite do not like having it pointed out that their cabinet ministers are away. But I will proceed by putting my question to the President of the Treasury Board.

Yesterday the Minister of Employment and Immigration announced a job-creation package. He designated 33 constituencies for what he called “development component”. What does the government mean by development component in dollar terms? Also, would the minister explain how it is that 32 out of 33 constituencies so designated are represented by Liberal members, even though there is high unemployment in many other parts of the country?

[Translation]

Mr. Rémi Bujold (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, since the hon. member’s question referred to the 33 constituencies that were designated, the hon. member ought to know that these constituencies were designated on the basis of a 12 per cent labour surplus throughout the country. The constituencies are located in the Maritimes, and obviously, the hon. member is not talking about her colleague from St. John’s West, whose