

most common of insolvencies, namely, receiverships, but it is nonetheless high time that this country had a new bankruptcy act. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart):

That this House does direct the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to cause a reference to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs or to a subcommittee of that committee, or to a special all-party committee of this House to examine the subject matter of Bill C-12 and the subject matter of the government's task force report on wage protection on insolvency so that this House in its next session can deal expeditiously with questions involving bankruptcy and insolvency on the basis of an all-party report.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### AGRICULTURE

#### MILK SUBSIDIZATION PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that tough economic times and high interest rates are destroying many farming operations, and in view of the fact that any lowering of the subsidization program for industrial milk and cream will only cause thousands of dairy farmers to go out of business, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle):

That this House instruct the Minister of Agriculture to please explain to his colleague, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, that the consumers benefit most from milk being subsidized as it ensures that there are enough dairy farmers in business to continue supplying the customer with inexpensive milk and milk products.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### PROVISION OF PAID MATERNITY LEAVE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, in light of the recent collective agreements signed by the federal government which gave paid maternity leave rights to postal workers, translators, and clerical workers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mrs. Mitchell):

That this House directs the government to introduce legislation which grants paid maternity leave to all public service employees, and also to ensure that similar benefits are available to employees in the private sector, including employees in small family-owned stores, and further be it resolved that this House immediately grant paid maternity leave to all employees of the House of Commons, the Senate and the Library of Parliament.

### Oral Questions

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE ADMINISTRATION

#### CONDEMNATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills):** Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the government stand condemned for developing a Liberal Party economic neutron bomb with its radioactive interest rates and family destroying tax policies, which leaves houses intact but destroys the fathers, mothers and children inside.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### POLAND—CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIONS

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. It is in connection with the Polish situation which developed over the weekend. Will the Prime Minister advise whether his administration has informed the U.S.S.R. how seriously the Canadian government would view any interference in the internal affairs of Poland by the U.S.S.R.? Have we made any representations to them? If so, what representations? Have we made any official representations to the government of Poland deploring the actions taken by them on the weekend, or any representations at all? Will the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs make a statement on motions giving the House the details of what action the government has taken and how it views this very serious situation?

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**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Madam Speaker, as the hon. gentleman has suggested, it is indeed a serious question; but I do not believe that it would add anything to the situation at the present time to make a statement on motions. As of now, we have not made representations to the Soviet Union. Our view is well known to