

MARINE TRANSPORT

FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN NEWFOUNDLAND AND NOVA SCOTIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the same Standing Order and move, without preamble, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the Minister of Transport either rescind his decision to reduce the ferry service from North Sydney to Argentia, Newfoundland, by removing one of the two vessels now in use, thus crippling transport services to Newfoundland for tourists and Newfoundlanders alike, and creating further unemployment, or resign immediately and admit his abject failure to deal fairly or adequately, or at all, with the Atlantic area transportation problems.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FORESTRY

INITIATIVES TO AID INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the more permanent closures in the forest industry in the last two weeks which have resulted in 850 more people being unemployed, and in view of the current lay-offs in the forest industry, which means one quarter of the workers in the forest industry of British Columbia are unemployed, as well as high rates of unemployment in the forest industry elsewhere in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That this House demand that the government immediately present the new initiatives for the forest sector promised in the budget and that these initiatives include emergency funding to enable the provinces to create employment in reforestation programs, and further, that these programs give preference to those forestry workers who have already lost their jobs as a result of the economic policies of this government.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FISHERIES

SUGGESTED REFERRAL OF PEARSE COMMISSION REPORT TO STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, in view of the importance of the fishing industry to this country and to the number of fishermen who could be laid off on the west coast as a result of recommendations that are

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before the present government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Peace River (Mr. Oberle):

That this House be given a reference so that the Pearse Commission Report may be studied by the appropriate committee.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTED REDUCTION IN INTEREST RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, agriculture needs help. Every month the obituary column cites increases in farm foreclosures and bankruptcies, to say nothing of the farmers who, frustrated and angry, just give up. Farmers are being told to sell some of their land to pay their debts, yet the land is their only means of survival. The budget, by eliminating the income averaging contract, and the government's white paper threatening 100 per cent capital gains tax, dampen the enthusiasm of the young and make the elderly afraid to retire. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That the Minister of Agriculture cut the interest rate, use the Stabilization Act, the Farm Credit Corporation Act and every other means available to save our farms now.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZED BY CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Madam Speaker, on Saturday 100,000 Canadians participated in a dramatic demonstration of dissatisfaction with the current economic policies of the government. Clearly these Canadians feel that the budget made no attempt to address the present recession. This morning the heartless response of the Minister of Finance was "to turn a deaf ear to these pleas", the pleas of Canadians who are suffering greatly from high interest rates, inflation and unemployment.