

S.O. 43

That this House instruct the cabinet to shelve the proposed constitutional resolution until rulings have been made on all constitutional issues now before the courts so that this House may concentrate all its efforts on addressing the difficult and, indeed, frightening economic problems faced by Canadians daily.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

PROLONGATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the rapidly rising living costs in the province of British Columbia, particularly as they relate to housing, and whereas these rising prices are putting upward pressure on wages by workers forced to meet these costs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Richmond-South Delta (Mr. Siddon):

That the federal government do its part in relieving the desperate housing shortage in British Columbia by increasing the community services contribution program and prolonging it beyond 1982 to enable municipalities to develop more land for housing purposes.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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COMBINES

CONCENTRATION OF BUYING POWER BY MONOPOLIES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the threat to independent businessmen by the increased tendency toward monopoly mergers within our economy and the inability of existing laws under the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act to deal adequately with the consequences of such mergers, an example being the present controversial takeover of the remaining assets of Zeller's by Hudson's Bay, which already controls 60 per cent of the department store market at the present time, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn):

That this House instruct the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs to undertake forthwith an investigation into the concentration of buying power under the provisions of Section 7(1) of the Combines Investigation Act in order to prevent further monopolistic mergers which threaten the very existence of many independent small business operations.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADA PENSION PLAN

ATTITUDE OF ONTARIO AND BRITISH COLUMBIA
GOVERNMENTS TO PROVISIONS RESPECTING WORKING
MOTHERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, especially concerning the working mothers of this country. In view of the fact that a new study by the Economic Council of Canada reveals that the Canada Pension Plan drop-out provision is worth a 21 per cent increase in benefits to working mothers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the Ontario and British Columbia governments be condemned for standing in the way of pension reform worth \$2,700 in life-time benefits to working mothers.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK

NEGOTIATION OF LOANS ON A YEARLY BASIS—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of extreme urgency. The government has been responsible for literally feeding small businessmen to the lions. Interest rates on Federal Business Development Bank loans have not improved. Depending on the risk of a loan, they are still around 18 per cent, and borrowers continue to be locked in for long stretches of time. In light of this I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the government allow persons taking out Federal Business Development Bank loans to renegotiate the terms of their loans on a yearly basis, so that they will not longer be forced to pay these exorbitant rates of interest for extended periods of time.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.