

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, October 30, 1981

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### HOUSING

#### SUGGESTED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOME OWNERS— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The minister responsible for housing offered to intervene personally to assist Canadians faced with losing their homes due to excessively high interest rates. I have received, and I am still receiving, calls and letters asking for help from constituents in just such a predicament. Details of each case are being forwarded to the minister for prompt action by him. In light of the fact that these pleas for assistance are urgent and real in nature and they undoubtedly represent only a small percentage of home owners in serious trouble, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the minister, hearing through Members of Parliament from Canadians in dire straits, now acknowledge the gravity and magnitude of the situation and pressure his government to stop passing the buck to the banks, accept its responsibility, and prepare an immediate plan of financial assistance for home owners.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

#### UREA FORMALDEHYDE—GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY TO HOME OWNERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo):** Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. There continues to be widespread anxiety regarding the government's acceptance of responsibility to thousands of Canadians who were lured by government incentives into insulating their homes with urea formaldehyde foam. The Minister of

State, when parliamentary secretary to the President of the Treasury Board, stated as follows:

—the government anticipates that its provisions will be made known in late November—

Last week nearly 300 residents of the Kitchener-Waterloo area met to discuss the effects of UFFI on their families' health, on the costs of removing foam from their homes, and on the inability to sell their contaminated dwellings. On their behalf I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That this House urge the government to announce the date in November when it will make good on its moral responsibility for the victims of urea formaldehyde foam insulation.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

#### MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. On Tuesday last the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) promised she would table in this House a list of recommendations from the report entitled "Obstacles" which the government had publicly claimed to have implemented, and since the minister has not yet carried out her promise, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Spadina (Mr. Heap):

That this House instruct the Minister of National Health and Welfare to table in this House, forthwith, the list of 56 recommendations from the report of the Special Committee on the Disabled and the Handicapped which the government claims have been put into effect but which no one knows very much about.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.