

RESOURCES

SUGGESTION FEDERAL OFFICIALS APPROVE OPENING NEW
COAL MINE IN CAPE BRETON—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Premier Gerald Regan of Nova Scotia is quoted in the *Toronto Star* of October 29 as blaming Ottawa for failing to act on Nova Scotia's problems. According to Premier Regan, and I quote, "Proposals to sink another coal mine in Nova Scotia have become entangled in federal government red tape."

Since, as the minister knows, we are in desperate need of another coal mine in the province, I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Symes):

That the federal officials involved remove such red tape in order to clear the way for the immediate opening of a new coal mine in Cape Breton.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion under Standing Order 43 requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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TRANSPORT

PROPOSED COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF HALL COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATIONS ON MOVEMENT OF GRAIN—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, that being the lack of public commitment by the government to recommendations in the Hall Commission Report on grain transportation in relation to, first, the elimination of the stop-off charges for storage and milling of grain in Western Canada, and, second, the elimination of additional charges for moving rapeseed meal and hopper cars and removal of present inequities in rail rates for shipping various grains and livestock products.

Because of the lack of public commitment, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the Minister of Transport appear before the Standing Committee on Transportation to outline the government's proposals for the implementation of the above-mentioned Hall Commission recommendations.

Mr. Speaker: Under the terms of Standing Order 43 such a motion can only be put forward with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: No!

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Oral Questions

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THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

UNEMPLOYMENT—REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT
CREDIT SCHEME—POSSIBILITY OF NEW MEASURES

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance I will address my question to the Prime Minister. With today's unemployment figures confirming that regional disparities in our country with respect to the jobless are widening, for example, one in five of our youth in the Atlantic provinces now being out of work and over 50 per cent of those in the construction industry in Saint John, New Brunswick, being without jobs, would the Prime Minister confirm, as did the Minister of Finance, that we shall continue to experience an unemployment level of 8.3 per cent and that 1.1 million may well be without jobs during the winter months?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No, Mr. Speaker, I would not confirm that.

Mr. Stevens: Having regard to today's disappointing unemployment figures would the Prime Minister tell us when we may expect further elaboration of the employment credit scheme first announced by the Minister of Finance on October 20, bearing in mind that if the scheme is to have any effect on unemployment this winter it must be implemented immediately?

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Mr. Trudeau: Well, Mr. Speaker, the minister did indicate, as we have already indicated in the Speech from the Throne, that we wanted to move forward with this plan. We would be very appreciative if the opposition would co-operate in getting the stimulative measures which are now before the House passed, notably the tax cuts which the minister has moved, so that we can pass on to the next measure.

Mr. Stevens: A final supplementary question, which again I will address to the Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. The Prime Minister asks us to expedite that piece of legislation, but as he will realize, the bill was introduced only yesterday. With unemployment becoming more and more chronic in the country, particularly in Quebec where over 40 per cent of those out of work and looking for jobs have been out of work for three months or longer, would the Prime Minister indicate whether we have seen his entire government's program to relieve unemployment? Has it all been announced to the extent that it is available? In short, did he come up with any new plans which we could hear about while he was snorkeling in the Bahamas?

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO RESTORE ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM
IN QUEBEC AND MARITIMES

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the Minister of Finance. Considering the