

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 22, 1981

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

POST OFFICE

POSSIBILITY OF STRIKE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of some urgency, under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Added to the growing list of horror stories being compiled in this country as our economic situation worsens daily, comes news of a possible postal strike. In light of the fact the Canadian Union of Postal Workers may be in a legal position to strike in one month, and given the fact that such a strike would result in serious consequences to the general public, and the now-struggling business community in particular, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the Postmaster General recognize the extreme gravity of the situation and take every immediate and possible step to ensure that such a strike is averted.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

DIEFENBAKER GOVERNMENT INFLATION FIGHTING METHODS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Since 1948 only four governments have had the economic policies necessary to keep the inflation rate below 2 per cent. West Germany did it in 1948; Eisenhower did it in 1953; de Gaulle did it in 1958, and the Progressive Conservative government under the Right Hon. John Diefenbaker did it between 1957 and 1963. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That the present Liberal government launch an immediate investigation into the methods by which the Diefenbaker government was able to maintain a world

record low inflation rate of 1.2 per cent, and then go back to the drawing board with their present inflationary budget and disastrous National Energy Program.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL HYDROLOGY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

SUGGESTED REMOVAL FROM OTTAWA TO SASKATOON—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to bring to the attention of the House some recent pearls of wisdom from the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gray). According to the Canadian Press, the hon. minister told an audience of eager young Liberals in Saskatoon that the University of Saskatchewan campus there would be the most logical place for the National Hydrology Research Institute because of long-term water management problems on the prairies, to which the chief young Liberal added that money for the move could come from the Axworthy slush fund. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo):

That this House call upon the cabinet to make good immediately on Liberal promises, dating back to 1976, to move the Hydrology Institute from Ottawa to Saskatoon, without, however, resorting to the typically "back-Axworthy" move of bribing western Canadians with their own money.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

SUPPORT FOR ATTENDANCE OF MINISTER OF FINANCE AT
GABON MEETING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Bud Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton): Madam Speaker, I would like to move a motion under Standing Order 43, of urgent importance.

In view of the selection by members of the International Monetary Fund, which numbers some 140 countries, of the Minister of Finance of Canada (Mr. MacEachen) as chairman