

## S.O. 43

In light of a recent interview published in *The Globe and Mail* in which the Prime Minister is reported to have stated, "Canadian people need protection from governments, which often try to take away basic freedoms", and in order to help fight inflation and keep food costs down, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Scarborough East (Mr. Gilchrist):

That this government call a halt to forced metric conversion in the retail food sector on January 1, 1981, and show that the Liberals are prepared to recognize that the major food chains in Ontario and consumers in the three metric test centres do now wish to proceed with metrication, and that the \$8 million annual cost of the Metric Commission and the millions of dollars that must be spent to buy weigh-scales, most of which are imported, will only result in higher food costs and more small business bankruptcies during these tough economic times.

● (1410)

**Madam Speaker:** Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## MCDONALD COMMISSION

DONATION BY COMMISSIONER GILBERT TO LIBERAL PARTY—  
REPORT OF COMMISSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the fact that when the McDonald commission was established in 1977 the then solicitor general stressed the importance of an independent, impartial judicial inquiry, and in view of the fact, as stated earlier, that the McDonald commissioner Guy Gilbert openly donated \$500 to the federal Liberal party in 1979—while a commissioner—stating, "I believe in the Liberal party. It's the party I want to support"—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** It is interesting to see the response of the Liberals to this. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), and I am sure I will be supported by the hon. member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Mr. Allmand):

That this House call upon the Solicitor General to explain how this donation to the Liberal party by a member of the McDonald commission can be justified in light of the vital importance of an impartial inquiry; and, further, that the full unedited report of the commission be referred to the all-party Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs to avoid any suggestion of Liberal bias even in the publicizing or drafting of this important document.

**Madam Speaker:** This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

## PETRO-CANADA

BIDS ON EXPLORATION EQUIPMENT IN NORTHWEST  
TERRITORIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas Petro-Canada in its exploration activity in the Northwest Territories has apparently not enabled northern contractors to bid on its requirements for the supply of equipment, but prefers to bring this in from the south without public tender in the north, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That this House insists that Petro-Canada operate in the north with the same high standards of corporate citizenship required of private operators such as Imperial Oil and Dome-Canmar, with particular attention being given to proper public tender procedures.

**Madam Speaker:** Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## RAILWAYS

REQUEST THAT TASK FORCE STUDY RIGHTS-OF-WAY—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East):** Madam Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43. Whereas railway lines interlace urban areas throughout Canada, often occupying extensive land surface areas in the downtown or core areas of cities; and whereas the air rights and the subsurface rights above and below the railway rights-of-way in urban areas have become extremely valuable and useful for high-rise structures as well as for underground or subterranean structures; and whereas much of the surface land for railway rights-of-ways was deeded to Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways through federal government action, and ambiguity exists as to the ancillary rights of such deeds, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn):

That the government move to establish a joint federal-provincial-municipal task force to inquire fully into the matter of air rights and subterranean rights associated with railway rights-of-way in urban areas and subsequently make appropriate recommendations for subsequent government action.

**Madam Speaker:** Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.