

EMPLOYMENT

CUTBACKS IN MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAMS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, due to the cutbacks announced in the Canada Manpower Training Program, Connestoga College, centred in Kitchener-Waterloo, and other community colleges across Ontario, will have to discontinue programs abruptly in midstream, dashing the hopes of trainees for employment. Many of the affected courses have a 100 per cent employment record with great support from local industry. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That this House call upon the Minister of Employment and Immigration to explain to Parliament why these programs have been cancelled at a time of high unemployment and shortage of manpower with basic skills.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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GRAIN

COMPENSATION TO FARMERS FOR EMBARGO ON SHIPMENTS TO
RUSSIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that uncertainty still surrounds the decision on compensation to prairie grain producers for losses arising from the Russian grain embargo, and in view of the fact that there has been no relief from the high interest rates and input costs facing the grain producers, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Korchinski):

That cabinet make a decision on the amount of compensation immediately and arrange for the mailing of cheques within ten days in order that the producers will have some cash on hand to meet spring seeding costs.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR RELATIONS

SUPPORT FOR FISHERMEN'S NEGOTIATING RIGHTS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, whereas the fishermen in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia are presently denied even basic collective bargaining rights by the regressive legislation in those areas, and whereas

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the fishermen in New Brunswick are presently peacefully demonstrating in favour of that provincial government changing its legislation, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker):

That this House express its solidarity with the fishermen in the maritime provinces and supports their right to negotiate a fair price for their catch.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PROCEDURE RELATING TO WRITTEN QUESTIONS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, I wish to move a motion which I think might very well receive the unanimous consent of the House because it expresses sentiments which have already been expressed by spokesmen for all parties.

Whereas last night and on previous occasions it has been suggested by the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Collenette), and agreed to by spokesmen from the opposition parties, that improvements might be made to the rules of the House dealing with written questions, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the Standing Orders and practices of the House of Commons relating to written questions be referred to the Standing Committee on Procedure and Organization for study and that the said committee be instructed to report back to the House with recommendations.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUPREME COURT HEARING—REQUEST
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION FROM
CONSIDERATION BY PARLIAMENT

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, through the Chair I would like to direct a question to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister will know that the Supreme Court of Canada has now set April 28 as the date on