

fifty-first anniversary of the Person's case in Canada. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Welland (Mr. Parent):

That this House offer congratulations to the five recipients of this year's Person's Award: Ella Manuel, Agnes Semmler, Sophie Steadman, Elizabeth Monk and Germaine Bellemare Goudreault—

[*Translation*]

—in recognition of their work and devotion to the cause of Canadian women.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, 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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[*English*]

ENERGY

DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas uncertainty caused by the government's indecision on frontier drilling incentives is having a serious socioeconomic effect in remote areas and impeding Canada's goal of energy self-sufficiency, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Bulkley Valley (Mr. McCuish):

That the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources be instructed to lay forthwith before Parliament clear plans to promote the healthy development of the frontier oil and gas industry.

Madam Speaker: For its presentation this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[*English*]

INCOME TAX

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE OF PROTECTION OF INDEXATION

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance, who will know that today's CPI figures indicate another increase in the cost of living, and also continue to project double-digit inflation for Canada, even before we know the impact of the

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energy price increase the government intends. Will the minister now give Parliament and the people of Canada the assurance that all Canadians will continue to have the protection of indexing of their personal income taxes?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, this question has been raised in the House on a number of occasions. I repeat the answer given on previous occasions, namely, that this is one of the options I have been considering, as the former minister of finance stated he himself had considered prior to his budget. The result of my consideration will be indicated to the House when the budget comes.

Mr. Knowles: When is that?

Mr. Clark: Madam Speaker, what the minister is saying is that this government is continuing to threaten waitresses, single-parent families and low-income Canadians across the country with the removal of indexing.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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THE BUDGET

INQUIRY AS TO DATE OF PRESENTATION

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, protected by their parliamentary indemnity they think it is funny to levy this back door secret tax upon the poor. We on this side of the House do not. Even though his colleague, the Minister of Justice, declines to give information to the House of Commons, I wonder whether the Minister of Finance might be prepared now to tell us when Parliament will receive the budget that he has delayed for eight long months?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Yes, Madam Speaker. I told the hon. member for St. John's West that I would probably indicate the budget date this week, and I am pleased to do so by saying the budget will be delivered on October 28.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark: Madam Speaker, may I congratulate the minister on the first decision he has made this parliamentary session.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Clark: I should also like to ask the minister whether the energy policy statement which has been promised by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources will be made before the budget, or is the government considering having the energy policy and the budget policy announced simultaneously?

Mr. MacEachen: Speaking for myself, Madam Speaker, the budget obviously will contain matters which are related to energy policy, and it seems to me that we will make an effort