

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 1, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

MOTIONS UNDER S.O. 43

[English]

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That the President of the Treasury Board report to the House immediately on his review of departmental expenditures as revealed by the Minister of Finance in his statement last week, setting forth what and where the cuts will take place, their impact on job security in the public service and on temporary and term employees, their pension arrangements, public works programs, and what services to people will be affected and the impact thereof on job creation in Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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PETRO-CANADA

PURCHASE OF BRITISH PETROLEUM COMPANY

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I wish to record a protest under Standing Order 43, in the strongest language possible, against the purchase of British Petroleum by Petro-Canada. Despite assurances to the contrary by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde), this \$347 million takeover is yet another giant step on the road to socialism. It will create harmful upward pressures on interest rates in the borrowing market. It adds \$347 million in a negative way to our international balance of payments and will not result in the creation of one single new job. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Calgary North (Mr. Wright):

That, if the Finance Minister truly believes that the private sector is the engine of growth, he cease and desist his socialist takeovers, and if Petro-Canada has \$347 million to play around with, that it use it to retire the billions it owes the Canadian taxpayer in debt and stop meddling in the private sector.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

SUGGESTED HOLDING OF NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY CONFERENCE

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, whereas since 1978 Canada's productivity performance has decreased at an alarming rate, to the point that now we have the worst record of the western industrialized countries, I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That the Government sponsor a "national productivity conference" and, further, to highlight this urgent and grave problem, that a National Productivity Week be designated.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EL SALVADOR—CONDEMNATION OF KIDNAPPINGS BY SECURITY FORCES

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. On October 18, 19 and 20, in the capital of El Salvador, 15 moderate trade union and political leaders belonging to the FDR were kidnapped on the street or at their place of work. In view of the Annual Report published last week by Amnesty International citing the fact that the Government of El Salvador was not able to provide even one satisfactory explanation in the 555 cases of persons detained in the last year, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That this House condemn the use of kidnapping by security forces in El Salvador, and that this House urge the Government of Canada to press the Government of El Salvador to secure the immediate release of the 15 kidnap victims.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.