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foreign-owned companies. The nine questions he raised will give me a chance, particularly in the context of Roberts Bank, to examine those matters properly.

● (1410)

In view of the shortness of time in this regard, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House call on the Minister of Transport to make a statement on motions setting forth the procedure government intends to follow in ensuring fair and equitable treatment for Canadian firms, which treatment they are currently denied, with foreign-owned companies competing for dredging contracts in Canada.

Madam Speaker: Presentation of this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POLAND—DECLARATION OF DAY OF PRAYER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Hamilton West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the critically tense situation in Poland, with the country in severe distress due to a shortage of food and supplies and an uncertain economic future, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dauphin (Mr. Lewycky) and supported by the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour):

That this House declare December 21, 1980, as a day of prayer for peace and security for the citizens of Poland.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

STATEMENTS ON ENDING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIAN WOMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I introduce the following motion. Whereas at the same time as external affairs officials were advising the United Nations that Canada plans to end discrimination against Indian women by amending the Indian Act next year, the Minister of Indian Affairs and

Northern Development (Mr. Munro) was telling a parliamentary committee that no such changes were contemplated, probably until 1985. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour):

That the Prime Minister be required to inform this House which of his ministers was telling the truth; was it

(a) the Secretary of State for External Affairs;

(b) the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; or

(c) neither of the above?

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

EFFECTS OF HIGH INTEREST RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the fact that the Canadian Federation of Independent Business has predicted 50,000 bankruptcies if the current policy of high interest rates is followed and, further, given that such warnings fall on deaf ears as far as the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) is concerned, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday):

That this House urge the Minister of Finance to visit during the Christmas season with children whose despairing parents are unemployed, thereby gaining an insight into what his hopeless policy means in terms of human suffering, in the hope that, once he has seen the results of high interest rates, the minister will drop his destructive and demoralizing policy.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

SUPPORT FOR INUKSHUK PROJECT AND NAALAGVIK II—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Ittinuar (Nunatsiak): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Inuktitut broadcasting is a crucial part of the preservation of language and culture in the north, and that the Inukshuk project is the first Inuit television broadcasting system, officially opened on December 1, 1980, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That this House recognizes and supports the continuing contribution that services provided by the Inukshuk project and the northern Quebec Naalagvik II offer to Inuit communities.