

S.O. 43

ism (Mr. Fleming)—for the minister's eyes only—Mr. Erb suggests among other things:

—the export tax would negate any potential acceptance on the constitutional front—

—Marc Lalonde will have to eat crow as a result—

And he should. And:

—the Liberals must break election promises on energy matters—

Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the Minister of State for Multiculturalism be instructed to make a statement on motions today regarding this matter in order to shed light on this most important of issues before he embarks on any further partisan brainwashing campaigns using taxpayers' money.

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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NATIONAL UNITY

CALL FOR TABLING OF POLLS CONCERNING ATTITUDES IN WESTERN CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to raise a matter of urgent and pressing necessity to western Canadians. The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and his Minister of Justice (Mr. Chrétien) are constantly pooh-pooing western alienation and dissatisfaction. Rather than being conciliatory, their remarks are inflammatory. After all, these are the same people who made the statement that separatism is dead, just before the election of the PQ government in Quebec.

Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That they cease and desist fuelling the fires of western alienation with ill-conceived, provocative statements and be asked to table in the House public opinion polls commissioned by this government dealing with the perception of federal-provincial postures and attitudes by the people of western Canada.

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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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

SUGGESTED "AWARD" FOR CANADIANS WHO PAY NO INCOME TAX—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Rae (Broadview-Greenwood): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the release of Statistics Canada's analysis of income tax in 1978,

revealing that 2,316 Canadians earning more than \$50,000 paid no income tax, and of these 96 earned more than \$200,000, a fourfold increase since 1977, and in light of the statement of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Johnston) that "middle and upper income groups in this country are bearing a disproportionate amount of the tax burden", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House honour those middle and upper income Canadians who have successfully avoided the payment of any tax by bestowing upon them a "Golden Loophole Award"; that those who apologize for this systematic avoidance be made honorary members of the "Golden Loophole Club"; and that the President of the Treasury Board be made the honorary chairman of the "Golden Loophole Club".

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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INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

NEW YORK LUNCHEON OF PRIME MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on what I know the Prime Minister will consider a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the fact that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) is ramming through his constitutional package to suit his own personal timetable and that he used closure in order to make a luncheon date in New York, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour):

That the Prime Minister do forthwith report to this House on what must have been a luncheon of most urgent and pressing necessity.

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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THE BUDGET

INCOME TAX—POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF INDEXATION OF PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, the urgent and pressing nature of my motion under Standing Order 43 arises because of the introduction tomorrow evening of the budget and, therefore, I hope it will have the unanimous consent of this House.

As it is widely reported that the budget will be eliminating indexation as far as it affects the calculation of personal income taxes, and as this will hurt low income Canadians in