

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, December 18, 1980

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE MINISTRY

CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. On the basis of October and now November figures, we have galloping inflation, far worse than ever forecast. The inflation rate is now 11.2 per cent and zooming up with every increase in interest rates. This government has lost control of the economy. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That this House regrets that Liberal members supporting the government have been misled in supporting this government and will have an impossible time explaining to their constituents their support for absolute incompetency, and this House demands the resignation of the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Minister of Justice so that they can be replaced and their offices held by members of this House capable of bringing direction and purpose to the government and to the Canadian economy.

Madam Speaker: To present this motion, there must be unanimous consent. Does the hon. member have unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL REVENUE

REDIRECTION OF REVENUE TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME CANADIANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Since the cost of home heating oil has risen 26.9 per cent and domestic gas 20.7 per cent since November, 1979, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. Scott):

That the government direct some of its revenues from increased taxes on gasoline, home heating oil and natural gas to help low-income earners survive the 1980-1981 winter.

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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LABOUR DISPUTES

B.C. TELEPHONE—CALL FOR APPOINTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL INQUIRY COMMISSIONER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the fact that the British Columbia Telephone Company has recently suspended more than 600 workers for wearing a union button, and in light of the fact that this same company has actively pursued a policy of provoking its employees into taking strike action, even though the workers have expressed an extremely conciliatory attitude, I move, seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett):

That this House demand that the Minister of Labour use his powers under the Canada Labour Code to appoint immediately an industrial inquiry commissioner into the B.C. Telephone dispute with the desired end of forcing this totally irresponsible company to come to an agreement with its employees before the citizens of British Columbia are forced to endure another totally unnecessary work stoppage.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, 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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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

REQUEST FOR ACTION TO REACH PRICING AGREEMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The energy policy of this government is causing economic chaos in this nation. An announcement has been made that 300 oil well drilling contracts have been cancelled at Lloydminster, we know that oil rigs are leaving the country putting many people out of work and the province of Saskatchewan is threatening to withhold taxes. The Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Trudeau) denies these facts are causing alienation, unrest and economic