

S.O. 43

[Translation]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

USE OF FRENCH IN BROADCASTING OF HOCKEY GAMES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Considering that hockey plays such an important part in the lives of a great many Canadians who consider it their national sport; considering that it is held in high esteem by both Francophone and Anglophone Canadians; considering that all Canadians have the right to watch their programs in their own language on the CBC network; considering that Francophone Canadians are deprived of their right to watch hockey games in French in the areas which are covered by the CBC television stations in Toronto and Vancouver; and considering that the agreement between the MacLaren agency and the CBC already provides for the payment of television rights in this respect, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rimouski (Mr. Allard):

That the House authorize the government to order the CBC to include the Toronto and Vancouver regions in the French network for the broadcasting of hockey games, or to make possible the French broadcasting of hockey games played in Toronto and Vancouver.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, 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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[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

REQUEST DREE PROGRAMS FOCUS ON DEPRESSED AREAS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of increasing unemployment which is not reported by Canada Manpower offices—as pointed out graphically in Monday's issue of the *Globe and Mail*—and in view of the decrease, in real terms, of the DREE budget with consequent lessening of assistance to those disadvantaged areas of the country which this program was originally designed to assist, which program was promoted with such fanfare by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta):

That the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, together with his cabinet colleagues, for the benefit of the Atlantic region and eastern Quebec, bring into

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sharper focus and on a more specific basis increased programs to alleviate unemployment, focus DREE aims and objectives more particularly on the real areas of need in the country, and that the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion consult with the Minister of Transport to ensure that both departmental policies are co-ordinated.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

COMMITTEE STUDY OF PROPOSALS FOR CREATING JOBS

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance. As the minister knows, statistics released today indicate that there are now officially more than one million Canadians out of work for the first time in the history of Canada. The minister continues to refuse to introduce a budget immediately to deal with this problem.

If the government refuses to act, as it does, will the minister at least recommend to his colleagues that the government accept the recommendation I made earlier today and name an all-party emergency committee of this House, immediately, to study the proposals put forward by this party and by others in the House of Commons, and proposals put forward by the C.D. Howe Institute and others in the country, to work over the Easter recess and to report back before the middle of April so that if the government will not work, parliament can work to create jobs for the one million Canadians who are unemployed?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, in relation to the proposition made by the C. D. Howe Institute in terms of cutting sales taxes at the provincial level, that is a proposition I myself made to the provinces in the fall, and renewed it at the finance ministers' meeting prior to the first ministers' meeting. That proposition could not be worked out.

The hon. member referred to the fact that unemployment increased somewhat last month, but he has not told the House or the public that employment increased by 100,000 from January to February, and by 287,000 in the past year.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Clark: Mr. Speaker, what the minister's answer indicates is that not only does he refuse to bring in a budget and