

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, February 5, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE BUDGET

PROVISIONS AFFECTING FARMS AND SMALL BUSINESSES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The budget has only confused the matter of capital gains tax for farmers and small-business men, complicating it with drastic changes in annuities, forward-averaging reductions and RRSPs, to the point where it challenges the very survival of the family farm or business. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger):

That the government take immediate steps to make fair and equitable changes dealing with valuation day and capital gains taxes on farms and small businesses.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

QUESTIONNAIRE CIRCULATED TO BEEF AND DAIRY
PRODUCERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Madam Speaker, the national beef marketing questionnaire produced by the Department of Agriculture late last year was sent only to those beef and dairy producers listed in the 1976 Statistics Canada census. There are now 267,000 questionnaires in circulation to 193,000 beef and dairy producers, and yet some producers are still not in receipt of them. Recognizing the need for a clear distinction between beef and dairy producers and the need for an accurate analysis, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson):

That the Minister of Agriculture immediately consult with beef producer organizations to ensure that all farmers who sold cattle in the past year receive this questionnaire and that the results clearly differentiate between dairy and beef producers.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

CONDEMNATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Hon. Jake Epp (Provencher): Madam Speaker, more than one million Canadians are out of work. Additional thousands fear the loss of their jobs, homes and security. These Canadians were entitled to see leadership from the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) based on compassion and concern during the first ministers' conference on the economy, but were subjected to a federal government whose position was based on stubbornness and intransigence. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Prime Minister and his colleagues be condemned for their bad faith bargaining, their political selfishness and stubbornness; that this House urges the Prime Minister and his colleagues to put an end to policies which have removed incentives from the private sector; and, further, that this House encourages the Minister of Finance to withdraw his ill-conceived budget and introduce a new economic package based on incentives, job creation and development of the potential to which Canada and its citizens are entitled.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

CALL FOR REINTRODUCTION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg-St. James): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the record high level of over one million unemployed and the failure of the government to take adequate measures to recompense municipalities for the loss of the Community Services Contribution Program, which allowed \$1.5 billion for construction each year, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. Rose):