

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, November 14, 1980

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE BUDGET

CALL FOR MORE REALISTIC PROJECTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion. The consumer price index increase now stands year over year at 10.9 per cent. Food is likely to increase by 12 per cent next year, energy costs by nearly 22 per cent, the dollar is now in the 84-cent range—2 per cent less than forecast—and interest rates are at least 1 per cent higher than they were on budget day. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Minister of Finance forthwith produce an amended budget background paper setting out projections that are more realistic for the coming years, so that Canadians will realize how badly they are served by this government and by its most inept fiscal management.

**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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### HOUSING

INTRODUCTION OF SHELTER ALLOWANCE PROGRAM—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. Whereas the consumer price index rose 0.9 per cent yesterday reflecting even greater hardship for Canadians on fixed incomes and those in lower income brackets; and whereas the Liberal government has no housing policies designed adequately to assist Canadians requiring shelter, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That this House urge the government to bring in a shelter allowance program designed to provide all Canadians with decent, affordable housing.

**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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### PENSION ACT

CALL FOR INCREASE IN WAR DISABILITY PENSION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young), I move:

That this House notes that the cost of living increase in the basic rate of the war disability pension now scheduled for January, 1981, will still leave veterans behind the average take-home pay of the five categories in the public service that were designated in 1972, and this House therefore calls on the Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs to introduce an amendment to the Pension Act that will automatically tie the pensions of disabled veterans to the standard promised to them by Parliament eight years ago, a commitment this House must not fail to keep.

**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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[Translation]

### NATIONAL UNITY

POSITION OF CONSERVATIVE PARTY ON QUEBEC SEPARATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Pierre Gimaïel (Lac-Saint-Jean):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion of pressing and urgent necessity. Considering that during his visit in Chicoutimi earlier this week the Progressive Conservative leader mixed with the Quebec separatists; considering that the only Quebec Progressive Conservative Party member was conspicuous by his inertia all along the last referendum debate, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Chicoutimi (Mr. Dionne):