

## S.O. 43

homeless, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Sudbury (Mr. Frith):

That this House express its sorrow to the community of Spanish, Ontario, for the tragic fire that occurred there yesterday morning, claiming the lives of seven children and two adults, and extend its profound sympathy to the families of those who died.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Madam Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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## THE ECONOMY

POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Vince Dantzer (Okanagan North):** Madam Speaker, since it appears that the government and its bureaucratic masters are again displaying their inability to solve Canada's economic problems and may resort to wage and price controls, I move seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That this House urge the government to stop deceiving and misleading the Canadian public and immediately advise this country whether it intends once again to expose Canadians to the hazardous experience of wage and price controls.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## THE BUDGET

SUGGESTED TREATMENT AS LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Madam Speaker, I rise to record a protest on behalf of all Canadians over the lackadaisical, senseless, cavalier manner with which the government is addressing the nation's business. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That the government House leader suspend discussion of all other business and give priority to the budget and its fate, for the government must give this item priority and put the economy and individual Canadians first.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

## THE ECONOMY

REQUEST THAT BATTLE AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT BE TREATED  
AS PRIORITY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Whereas Quebec has lost 60,000 jobs since the end of last summer and the unemployment rate in Quebec has now reached a record high of 12 per cent, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That the House hold the Federal Government responsible for this economic situation which is demoralizing more and more workers, and that it urge the government to launch an economic recovery program whose priority will be to fight unemployment.

**Madam Speaker:** The House has heard the motion presented by the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

## THE BUDGET

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. I must say, I am sure, on behalf of all members on this side of the House and most Canadians that I am absolutely shocked at the absence of the Minister of Finance from the House on the first opportunity to question him.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Clark:** The Prime Minister will know that Members of Parliament from all parties over the last five weeks have heard from Canadians in all walks of life—pensioners, farmers, students, all Canadians—about the deep damage which is being done to them individually by the budget. In light of that, and in light of the need for Parliament to put the interests of ordinary Canadians first, may I ask the Prime Minister a very simple question. Will he indicate to the House now that his