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statement that, "the purpose of our foreign investment review law is to help provide an assurance that Canada and Canadians benefit from the investments that are reviewed under the act", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. Rose):

That this House oppose any attempt by the Liberal government to abandon the interest of Canadians by weakening FIRA.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FINANCE

PAGES MISSING FROM MINISTER'S DINNER SPEECH—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Madam Speaker, last night the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen), in a faltering voice, spoke to a Liberal fund-raising dinner in Toronto. Consternation developed when he came to that part of the speech which dealt with solutions to our economic problems, and he found the pages missing. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the government undertake a nation-wide contest in which all Canadians are invited to supply the last few pages of the minister's speech. Prizes for the runners-up will include a trip to Versailles, or the Liberal nomination in Leeds-Grenville, and the grand prize, the chance to be the next Liberal finance minister of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Bow River.

TAXATION OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, the November 12 budget included medical and dental benefits—although paid for by employers—in the income of employees for income tax purposes, on the pretext that the revenue gained would be used to lower income tax rates generally to the benefit of all Canadians. The Canadian Dental Association has submitted arguments to the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) which show his statements are not valid and that this taxing of employees for benefits provided by their employers is basically unsound and wrong. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson):

That this House deplores this insidious type of taxation which robs the needy of dental and medical care; and urges the minister to withdraw the entire November 12 budget which contains numerous inaccuracies and inequities.

When is the minister going to stop putting the bite on the poor and the needy?

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

REQUEST FOR REFLECTION IN LIGHT OF DONALD MARSHALL CASE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): Madam Speaker, I, too, have a motion under Standing Order 43. Twice this week the hon. member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby) has risen in the House to espouse the cause of Donald Marshall, who in 1971 was convicted of murder in Nova Scotia. Referring to the reports that another person has since admitted to the crime, the member asked the Minister of Justice (Mr. Chrétien), "If an injustice has occurred, can he take steps to have it remedied?" Madam Speaker, in light of the fact that a year ago this month the same hon. member represented the majority view of his party on the issue of capital punishment, when he said, "I am in favour of the reinstatement of capital punishment," I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That this House invite the member for Halifax West and other members of his party who hold similar views, to reflect on their capital punishment position and to ask themselves where Mr. Marshall might be today if their hanging views had prevailed when Marshall was convicted in 1971.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

DEMAND FOR ROLLBACK—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise with regard to the limited rollback or so-called "Update" of the National Energy Program. People expected a torrent of relief but, instead, all they got was a trickle. Canada is losing \$16 million a day because of foreign crude imports while the minister and the government fumble with the levers of socialism. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Kindersley-Lloydminster (Mr. McKnight):

That the Prime Minister personally intervene in the energy picture and order a complete rollback of this destructive program which has caused the loss of jobs, investment and investor confidence in the oil and gas industry in Canada, and is adding unnecessarily to gas and oil prices in Canada, all of which is taking a heavy toll on Canadians through human suffering.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?