

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, May 21, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHAIRMAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, whereas the appointment of the new chairman of Canadian National Railways should not go unnoticed by the House, I move, with apologies to, but seconded by, the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That in the opinion of this House:

The cowboy from Crowfoot called Jack,
Went through the House doubled-tracked,
Trudeau's his protector
But CN directors
Are saddled with Jack, and the flak.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Red Deer.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to observe that, in the light of certain appointments and selections regarding architects and railroads, the Prime Minister's office has assumed the roles of placement agency, hiring hall, staffing commission, and veto authority over public service recommending agencies. You do not need merit when you have friends in high places. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lincoln (Mr. Mackasey):

Once upon a time, to get the job you needed merit;
Now all you do is join the Grits and wait and grin 'n bear it.
Plums and pork don't usually mix,
But they do when friend Pierre handles the fix!

Madam Speaker: There could be no better time for poets in the House.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

INDIAN AFFAIRS

DEMAND THAT MINISTER MEET MANITOBA INDIAN LEADERS—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Madam Speaker, whereas since Wednesday of last week Indians from the Peguis reserve in Manitoba have been demonstrating peacefully outside the DIAND offices in Winnipeg to protest the long-standing critical housing shortage on their reserve, and whereas more than half of the Manitoba bands have now joined the demonstration in support of the Peguis and to protest their own housing needs, I move seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That this House direct the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to reverse the answer he gave to me privately two days ago and go immediately to Winnipeg to meet with the Indian leaders involved to solve this matter before frustrations turn to anger and then anger to violence.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

SUGGESTED INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUDGET—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Madam Speaker, in view of the statement of the Minister of State for Economic Development in the other place earlier this week, to the effect that the Minister of Finance speaking on behalf of the government at the Summit meeting in Ottawa, expressed "the deep concern that this government has for the distress it is creating," I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the government adopt measures, such as withdrawing the budget of November 12, 1981, and presenting a new one in its place, in order to alleviate the distress it is creating.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.