

has patently proved to be a disaster for the development of oil and gas recovery in Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. More recently it compounded this failure by encouraging the importation of foreign oil as a direct result of its import compensation scheme. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger):

That this House condemns the government for its negligence in failing to rationalize the import compensation scheme to current energy realities and invites the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to resign because he has proved incapable of producing an energy policy which will benefit all Canadians.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

#### PRODUCTION OF WESTERN CRUDE OIL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Wright (Calgary North):** Madam Speaker, the Alberta government recently announced sweeping changes to its royalty system in order to stimulate the conventional oil industry. However, benefits will be restricted until there is full production of shut-in crude oil from western Canadian fields. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger):

That the federal government take measures to ensure the production and sale of this shut-in oil and to encourage the export of such shut-in oil until such time as imports are eliminated or until all shut-in crude oil is being produced.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

##### CALL FOR RESOLUTION OF CASE OF DONALD MARSHALL— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West):** Madam Speaker, in 1971, Donald Marshall, then 17 years old, was convicted of murder by a jury of his peers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, notwithstanding his protestation of innocence. For 11 years this native person languished in prison, but now his guilt has been questioned. The Minister of Justice has the legal power and authority to resolve the case and remedy any injustice. Accordingly, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Bulkley Valley (Mr. McCuish):

That this House direct the Minister of Justice, who allegedly advocates civil rights for all Canadians, to consider the civil rights of one real Canadian and resolve forthwith the case of Donald Marshall and remedy any injustice done to him.

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

#### Oral Questions

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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#### BANKS AND BANKING

##### CALL FOR REVERSAL OF INTEREST RATE POLICIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Last week the president of the B.C. Council of Forest Industries predicted "significant additional lay-offs and forest company bankruptcies" in our already hard hit lumber industry unless there is soon a stimulus to housing starts. Meanwhile two major Canadian banks announced last week unjustified one quarter per cent and one half per cent increases in their already high mortgage interest rates, thus killing the desperate hopes of our number one industry. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis):

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That the Minister of Finance immediately change course, call in the presidents of these chartered banks, together with Mr. Bouey, and demand that these industrial saboteurs cease and desist their fifth column activities, reversing their usurious and destructive high interest rate policies in order that Canadian home builders and woodworkers can get back to work and put our economy back on the road to recovery.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

#### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

#### FINANCE

##### THE BUDGET—QUERY RESPECTING INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. It is now obvious that the minister's budget of November 12 is proving to be a disaster for the Canadian economy. As far as businessmen, farmers and the average taxpayers are concerned, it is creating nothing but confusion and uncertainty. It is complicating their ability to plan for business and to file federal income tax returns.

The minister has now admitted to yet another mistake by backing down on the application of the sales tax proposal, which, incidentally, now results in some 30 to 40 changes to his