

The majority of television exercise programs are of excellent content, utilizing skilled and competent individuals, and are far removed from degenerating into the type of program Ms. Hoffman accuses them of being. I would suggest that Ms. Hoffman seek the more appropriate medium available through the CRTC to vent her criticism, rather than condemning active participation in physical fitness via television exercise programs.

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NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

SUMMIT MEETING PROPOSAL

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, on June 14 this year I stated in this assembly, and I quote:

A nuclear war can come about because of three reasons The first reason is that it may come about by aggressive design or intent by one of the superpowers. This is highly unlikely because they will destroy the world and themselves. The second is by escalation of a minor conflict such as a triggering conflict in the Middle East. The potential for escalation is massive and scary in the world today The third way a nuclear war can occur is through accident. There is real potential in this area due to a failure of equipment, a failure of systems, or a failure on the part of humans who man the systems.

Well, Madam Speaker, a deplorable and unacceptable incident has occurred because of failure on the part of humans who man the systems. Good sense prevailed and escalation did not occur this time. But what about next time?

If there ever was a need for instant communication and a desire to so communicate, it is in today's and tomorrow's world. Some shall shake their fist, at another such incident, and it will happen, but some will dialogue, and for all our sakes let us hope they are heard. There is a desperate need for an arms limitation agreement and a reversal of the present nuclear insanity. This Parliament should support fiercely a summit meeting, as is being considered by President Reagan and Chairman Andropov. Once again I propose that Edmonton is a suitable site for a summit meeting.

Madam Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Stanley Hudecki (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Madam Speaker, the Committee of Parliamentarians, Scientists and Engineers, the acronym of which is COPSE, is the successor to the parliamentary and scientific committee which held a number of meetings on Parliament Hill between 1976 and 1979. COPSE has as its objective the building of understanding between parliamentarians and the scientific and engineering communities of Canada, based on an appreciation of each other's concerns and aspirations.

Oral Questions

While COPSE is a highly successful forum for exchange of information, science and technology are playing such an increasingly significant role in shaping our society and economy that I feel consideration should be given by the House to establishing a full-fledged standing committee on science and technology.

In this way issues relating to Canada's development of science and technology could be discussed by Members of the House, with appropriate input by scientists and engineers, so that reports and policy suggestions could be made on an all-party basis to the House and to the Government, and be duly recorded.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE ECONOMY

ECONOMIC COUNCIL PROJECTIONS—GOVERNMENT POSITION ON WAGES AND PRICES

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. The Economic Council of Canada, which is adviser to the Prime Minister by statute, has warned that our country faces not only five more years of double digit unemployment but also a gradual rekindling of inflation. It has called for the Government to provide selective wage and price controls, to obtain powers to monitor wage and price increases and to roll back any increases it thinks will boost inflation above 5 per cent. Do you agree with the accuracy of these warnings of your Economic Council? Never mind the finger pointing, I am asking the question of the Prime Minister.

Some Hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Crosbie: Do you agree with the accuracy of these warnings?

An Hon. Member: You have to address the Speaker.

Mr. Crosbie: And does the Government intend to obtain powers to roll back increases in prices or wages such as your advisers have advised you?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member should be addressing the question to you. He should know better.

Madam Speaker: For the second question, I am going to warn the Hon. Member that he should address the Chair.

GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS

Hon. John C. Crosbie (St. John's West): Madam speaker, if I could put the same question to the Prime Minister, this is a