

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

FUNDING FOR CONNE RIVER BAND IN NEWFOUNDLAND—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin):** Madam Speaker, the Conne River Band of Newfoundland has not received its first quarter funding for 1982 to date, despite assurances by both the minister and his parliamentary secretary that the necessary funding would be immediately forthcoming. Because essential services to the community cannot be provided by the Council due to this bureaucratic log jam between the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the government move immediately to release the first quarter of funding for 1982 to the Conne River Indian Band Council so that the necessary services and programs to the community can be continued.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## MINES AND MINING

## PROPOSED SUMMER SHUT-DOWNS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta):** Madam Speaker, given the projected summer shut-downs affecting some 1,400 iron ore workers at the Adams, Sherman and Griffiths mines in the Timiskaming region of northern Ontario, due largely to the collapsing domestic demand for steel products, and whereas the production from these mines is dedicated exclusively to the Dofasco and Stelco steel mills at Hamilton, Ontario, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That the government take immediate steps to restore economic confidence and to restore jobs to Canadian steel workers, both in the north and industrial Ontario, by rescinding the offensive and interventionist policies contained in the National Energy Program and the disastrous November 12 budget.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

## DISASTERS

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR QUEBEC FLOOD VICTIMS—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg-St. James):** Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I request the

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unanimous consent of the House to present a motion concerning an urgent matter, namely, the recent floods in Beauce and the Eastern Townships.

Whereas the government has been denying that requests for assistance were received from Quebec as early as last week, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent):

That the House urge the government to stop making frivolous excuses to the people of the flooded areas in Quebec and immediately provide assistance to the flood victims.

**Madam Speaker:** The House has heard the hon. member's motion. 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 ECONOMY

## BUSINESSMEN'S VIEWS

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel):** Madam Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister who undoubtedly noted the Conference Board report which was issued today in which the Board now finds that 75 per cent of the senior executives in this country believe that our economy will get even worse than it is at the present time. It points out, for example, that the main concerns of people in this country are the high interest rates, the weak market demand, and then government policies. Would the Prime Minister finally concede that his economic direction has been on the wrong course and that he should start paying attention to some Canadians who know what the reality is out there from coast to coast?

● (1415)

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)):** Madam Speaker, I may remind the hon. member that the document to which he is referring also reflects an aspect he did not point out, namely the optimism expressed by the same persons with respect to the possibility of a drop in inflation in this country. I would also remind the hon. member that as soon as we are able to bring down inflation, we shall eliminate the climate of uncertainty that is holding back investors and preventing economic recovery. Their optimism as to a possible drop in inflation indicates that these businessmen agree with the government's policy to reduce inflationary pressures.