

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 4, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS

PROPOSED PATERNITY LEAVE FOR POSTAL WORKERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, the federal government is entertaining a suggestion by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers' President Jean Claude Parrot that men get nine months of fully paid maternity leave following the birth of a child. This policy is supported by the New Democratic Party. In light of the high cost that this would impose on taxpayers, and the absurd and costly precedent that it would set for both the public and private sectors, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bruce-Grey (Mr. Gurbin):

That the government refuse to negotiate an item that has the potential of enraging an already irate and overtaxed Canadian public.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

POLAND—MARCH BY SUPPORTERS OF SOLIDARITY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, in view of the courageous Polish Solidarity movement which yesterday defied hoses, tear gas and billy clubs at the hands of the ruthless communist military government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton North (Mr. Paproski):

That this House censures the Prime Minister of Canada for his approval of martial law in Poland.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE ADMINISTRATION

CALL FOR DISMISSAL OF MINISTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, the most radical, unilateral and greedy national energy policy ever imposed by a minister of energy for Canada has now killed the Alsands project, as it did the Cold Lake project last year. The most destructive budget ever perpetrated on the people of Canada is destroying the very fabric of our country with massive loss of jobs, loss of homes, farms and small businesses, causing heartbreak and despair everywhere in our beautiful country, Canada. The Canadian people can no longer trust a government that lies, misleads and uses slick advertising to promote its blatant political ends. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Elzinga):

That those gutless Liberal backbenchers show some spine, stand up for Canada and help us dismiss the incompetent front bench responsible for Canada's destruction.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

EMPLOYMENT

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT CREATE JOBS IN VALLEYFIELD REGION, P.Q.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

The Valleyfield area in Quebec has just been severely affected by factory shutdowns. Nearly 1,200 workers were laid off in the past few days at Dupont of Canada and Dominion Textiles.

In view of the abject failure of the federal government's industrial strategy, and the fact that so little attention is paid to victims of factory shutdowns, I move, seconded by the member for Dauphin (Mr. Lewycky):

That the House urge the government to establish immediately job creation programs and thus provide some relief in this area.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the motion presented by the hon. member. Is there unanimous consent for this motion?