S.O. 43

THE ECONOMY

CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. On Saturday, November 21, tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered on Parliament Hill to try to explain to the government the real impact of its high interest rate policy and years of poor economic planning. The response of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Evans) was that the representations were "simplistic and naive". The minister responded by urging the provincial governments to "turn a deaf ear" to the 900,000 unemployed. We hope that the provinces are not as hard of hearing as the federal government. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson):

That the Minister of Finance recognize the responsibility he shares for the policies and problems successive Liberal governments have created, and now produce policies that will return investment, jobs and hope for Canadians facing a severe recession.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE BUDGET

ENDORSATION BY FORMER PRESIDENT OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Burghardt (London West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. It seems that a prominent member of the Progressive Conservative Party, in fact a former national president of that party, none other than Dalton Camp, has endorsed the budget tabled last week by the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen).

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An hon. Member: You better watch out.

Mr. Burghardt: I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis):

That this House call upon Mr. Camp to come to Ottawa and hold meetings with his former protégé, the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition, in order to instruct the latter on basic economics.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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APPLICATION OF TAX REMISSION FOR NORTHERN RESIDENTS— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Ittinuar (Nunatsiaq): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given the fact that in his recent budget the Minister of Finance (Mr. Mac-Eachen) extended for one year the special tax remission for employees working in the north, and given the fact that this measure benefits only a certain proportion of the people in the north, namely, non-residents, and whereas all residents must bear the same highest cost of living in the country, I move, seconded by the hon, member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That the Minister of Finance take immediate steps to provide equal tax remissions to all residents of the Canadian north.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

METRIC CONVERSION

CONDEMNATION OF PROGRAM—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, the Americans have abandoned their metric board and the British have abandoned their metric board, and together they are major trading partners representing 86 per cent of our total trade. They have either reverted to or stayed on weights and measures in imperial while our government, which preaches restraint, grants our Metric Commission in Canada \$12 million under supplementary estimates in 1982, including \$3 million for salaries, and \$2 million for forced implementation of metric in the retail food stores. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That this House condemn the government's mad plan to force metric on the people of Canada against their will, particularly in the retail food stores.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.