

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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#### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PAYMENTS TO "STARS" TO ATTEND PARLIAMENT HILL CEREMONY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to take exception to the allegations that certain Canadians received funds from the public purse, courtesy of the CBC, to appear "spontaneously" in the crowds on Parliament Hill last weekend and be interviewed. I therefore rise to move and to ask, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

Twinkle, twinkle little star  
You came to Ottawa from afar.  
Did you come because you care?  
Or because the CBC paid your fare?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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[Translation]

#### AIRPORTS

REQUEST FOR RETURN OF EXPROPRIATED LANDS AT MIRABEL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Yesterday, the provincial court in St. Jerome decided to postpone a ruling on whether or not to evict 77 farmers from expropriated land at Mirabel until May 14. Considering the barbaric action taken by the President of the Canada Lands Company (Mirabel) Ltd., Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer, to cancel leases and evict farmers who, in fact, were merely trying to buy back land that was expropriated indiscriminately, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That the House ask the government to return to the farmers, as soon as possible, 78,000 acres of land that were expropriated unnecessarily for the Mirabel airport.

**Madam Speaker:** 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 Questions

• (1415)

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

#### THE ECONOMY

REQUEST THAT NEW BUDGET BE INTRODUCED

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister in the absence of a never-present Minister of Finance.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Where is he?

**Mr. Wilson:** The consumer price index for the first three months of this year has increased to 12.4 per cent. In the last three months of 1981 the consumer price index was up 8.8 per cent. At the same time, Statistics Canada told us the signs that the recession was about to bottom had vanished by the early part of this year. In the face of this, the government is dithering and doing nothing. With that very discouraging information, will the Prime Minister order the Minister of Finance to bring a new budget, a new economic statement, into this House, to give Canadians some sense of direction and confidence that the government knows what it is doing?

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)):** Madam Speaker, the hon. member should take the time to read the budget speech again. He would find that in his speech the Minister of Finance included a formal commitment and the means for implementing it, namely, to invite all economic partners to join the government in the fight against inflation. Going even further to emphasize the government's determination, a point stressed by the hon. member, the Minister of Finance has embarked on a series of meetings with businessmen and people from all parts of the country to urge them to take part in the fight against inflation which is necessary if we want to lower interest rates and improve the state of the Canadian economy for the benefit of all Canadians.

[English]

**Mr. Wilson:** Madam Speaker, I do not know where the Minister of State for Finance has been, but the economy is going down a sewer right now because the Minister of Finance is doing nothing. We do not need consultations. We need action from the government, action to settle the economy.

#### LEVEL OF INTEREST RATES

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister. A few weeks ago the Prime Minister said that the reason for the current high level of interest rates was to fight inflation. In light of this very discouraging news on inflation, would the Prime Minister tell the House how high he expects interest rates have to go before inflation is beaten?