

released today, that the government's economic plan is causing unemployment to rise continuously in nearly every region of the country when the need for recovery and resurgence has never been greater. The bleak prospects for more than 650,000 Canadians constitute the most urgent and pressing problem which has faced this House and the nation in the last decade. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That this House demand an immediate reconstruction, review and restatement of employment, taxation, and general economic policies, and that the House categorically rejects the traditional and reactionary economic policies accepted and applied by this government which have caused stagnation, blight, and unprecedented human misery throughout this country.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate. Under the terms of Standing Order 43 this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. The Chair must inquire whether there is such unanimity.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Som hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** There is no unanimity; therefore the motion cannot be put.

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#### SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

PROVISION THAT MEMBERS SHALL NOT ACT AS BARRISTERS AND ACCEPT FEES FOR SERVICES TO CITIZENS

**Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-247, to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act (St. Luke 11:46).

**Some hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Anderson:** Mr. Speaker, I must say first that this is not my original suggestion. It came from a former member of the House for Kootenay West, Mr. Bert Herdridge. The bill in question proposes to remedy the grievance that arises when the public relationship between Member of Parliament and citizen is subverted to the private relationship between lawyer and client to the financial hurt of the citizen, for example, when a citizen asks his member to make inquiries in an immigration matter and is later dismayed to find that he is billed for the service. This bill is designed to overcome this problem.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

#### MOTIONS TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

##### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

##### UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASE

**Mr. Speaker:** Before I call on the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings I should bring to the attention of the House that both the hon. member for Prince Edward

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Hastings and the hon. member for York South have submitted, by virtue of Standing Order 26, notices to the Chair of their intention to move motions which are substantially the same. Therefore it might perhaps be preferable if both hon. members were allowed to present their motions, after which the Chair could give an opinion on the procedural aspect of the matter.

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe (Mr. Ricard), the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics release showing that unemployment has risen from 6.0 per cent to 6.7 per cent of the work force, seasonally adjusted, during the month of April, despite the assurances by the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and other members of the government at the beginning of the year that unemployment would decline steadily as the year progressed.

##### INCREASES IN UNEMPLOYMENT AND COST OF LIVING

**Mr. David Lewis (York South):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the fact that the incompetent economic policies of the government have now continued too long as manifested by the combination of a shocking jump in seasonally adjusted unemployment from 6.0 per cent to 6.7 per cent and an increase at the same time in the consumer price index of 1.8 per cent since the beginning of the year.

**Mr. Speaker:** As I indicated a moment ago, both the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings and the hon. member for York South have given the Chair notice of these motions. Since then the Chair has spent agonizing moments questioning whether the motions should be put. Hon. members realize that in circumstances such as these it is a very difficult decision to determine whether the provisions of Standing Order 26, from a strictly procedural standpoint, should be interpreted in order to allow the motion to be put and a special debate to take place.

What the Chair must take into account, first, is whether there have been discussions in previous weeks or previous months during the term of the current session on the matter proposed for consideration on an emergency basis. Hon. members know as well as I do that in the course of the current session we have had numerous discussions of the problem of unemployment and on a number of occasions have debated the matter of the economic policies of the government.

As I have said before, I feel there may be an occasion when the statistics brought to the attention of the House might be of such a nature that a motion should be granted in order to move the adjournment for the purpose of discussing the situation revealed by these statistics. At the same time, however, from month to month