

Energy

[English]

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS**SUGGESTED CONVENING OF NEWFOUNDLAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43 for the following reasons. In view of what has become a persistently high rate of unemployment in Newfoundland, which continues to run at more than twice the national average, and in view of the failure of the government's regional development policies to have any appreciable effect on the situation, by leave I would move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Carter):

That in the opinion of this House the government should convene a Newfoundland Economic Opportunities Conference.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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[Translation]

ENERGY**COMPENSATED DISCOUNT ON PRICE OF GASOLINE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Jean-Marie Boisvert (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I request the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a most urgent question.

Since more and more Canadians are wondering why there is rationing of gas in the United States and why the price of gas has suddenly increased in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin):

That the House consider immediately the possibility of issuing consumer discounts on the price of gas in order to contribute to a fairer balance between the gross national product and the gross national income.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Under Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. Therefore, the hon. member's motion cannot be put.

[Mr. Speaker.]

[English]

VETERANS AFFAIRS**SUGGESTED REFERENCE OF TRANSFER OF HOSPITALS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under Standing Order 43. Government policy, directed towards the transfer of veterans hospitals to provinces, municipalities or other agencies, is causing deep concern among veterans groups across the country. They indicate doubt that the interest of veterans is being upheld in line with government commitments.

In order to allay the fears of these organizations and incapacitated veterans, I would move, seconded by the member for Middlesex (Mr. Frank):

That the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs, with the particular objective of the committee visiting the veterans hospitals to determine whether this government policy is in fact in the best interests of veterans, and to report its findings to the House.

Mr. Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity.

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[Translation]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**DEVELOPMENT OF MATAPÉDIA AND GASPÉ AREAS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION**

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43, I ask the unanimous consent of the House to discuss a very urgent matter.

Since the REXFOR projects are totally inoperative in the Matapédia area and the Gaspé Peninsula and that immediate intervention by the federal government is essential to ensure to those areas an efficient and constant economic and social recovery, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin):

That the House hold a special debate in order to review the contribution of the federal government to those projects in co-operation with the Quebec government to ensure a new economic impetus to that especially neglected area, taking into account the frightening unemployment and social welfare in that area.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such a consent?

Some hon. Members: Yes.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent; the motion therefore cannot be put.