

S.O. 43

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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IMMIGRATION

ADMISSION OF POLISH REFUGEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Because of the increasing concern over the political upheaval in Poland, and because citizens of that country are suffering from obvious hardships, I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That the Canadian government act quickly to ensure that those Polish citizens seeking refugee status in Canada be accepted as conventional refugees; that provision be made within the refugee quota to allow Canada to accept more Polish refugees than presently announced by the minister, in view of the ever-increasing numbers in Polish refugee camps in Austria; and that the Canadian Polish Congress be commended for, and aided in, its efforts to assist needy Polish entrants to Canada.

Madam Speaker: Does the House give its consent to this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

CALL FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter which has now reached crisis proportions to Canada's farming, small business and fishing communities.

High interest rates are bludgeoning these critical economic sectors, as demonstrated in the 26 per cent increase in business bankruptcies between the months of August and September. In light of this catastrophic situation I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle):

That the Liberal government admit that its historic high interest rate policy has failed, and that this House urge the government to take immediate steps to reduce interest rates and refrain from driving these critical economic groups to their knees.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

AGRICULTURE

SUGGESTED MEASURES TO AID FARM INDUSTRY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, at a meeting with the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) on October 8, the wives of some 300 farmers from the Bruce-Grey constituency, and later, a Port Elgin Chamber of Commerce meeting of 275 people, confirmed the crushing impact of high interest rates on the Canadian farm community. So I rise on this matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the terms of Standing Order 43.

In light of the number of farm bankruptcies, which are up 147 per cent over the 1979 figures, the record number of forced sales and foreclosures, the record rate of Farm Credit Corporation interest rates, the near depletion of the Farm Credit Corporation lending budget, and the resulting threat to Canada's food security because of the total lack of government action and commitment in solving or alleviating any of these problems, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Elgin (Mr. Wise):

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That the government immediately enact the appropriate measures necessary to meet this national farm crisis, measures such as the immediate infusion of funds for the Farm Credit Corporation lending budget, the extension of the Small Business Development Bond to unincorporated farmers, and a national moratorium on farm bankruptcies, foreclosures and forced sales, until the merits of each case can be examined and new measures can be enacted.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

CALL FOR MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE IMPACT OF HIGH INTEREST RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, having returned from extensive visits with many Canadians and seeing first-hand the heartbreaking results of this Liberal government's deliberate high interest rate policy and the results of this Liberal government's deliberate high unemployment levels which have jumped to 8.2 per cent in September, the highest increase in unemployment in one month since 1945, of which 45 per cent are youth aged 15 to 24, and after seeing the demoralizing effect they are having on small merchants, the agricultural sector, and the human suffering and weeping in Canadian families because of the loss of their homes, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Rosedale (Mr. Crombie):

That this House instructs the Minister of Finance to introduce immediately measures to alleviate the impact of record-high interest rates and record-high unemployment levels among our youth, single-parent families, home owners, the agricultural sector, and small merchants.