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MEASURES TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I ask the unanimous consent of the House under Standing Order 43 to move a motion. I base my reason for so doing on the following facts.

During December, unemployment in Canada rose from 476,000 to 538,000 and reached 6.6 per cent of the work force, seasonally adjusted. It was 155,000 higher than in December a year ago. What is particularly alarming is the refusal of the government to introduce measures to stimulate sales of Canadian products and thus increase production and produce more jobs. The government has refused specifically to lower income taxes to stimulate purchasing power and thus increase sales, production and jobs, to lower business taxes to reduce production costs and selling prices, thus increasing production and producing more jobs;—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member should indicate what the motion is that he intends to propose under the terms of Standing Order 43.

Mr. Hees: I have just about arrived at that point, Mr. Speaker—and to introduce tax incentives to increase productivity, thereby lowering costs and selling prices and increasing production and jobs.

The reason I move this motion is the government's persistence in adopting the kind of measures that have proved totally inadequate during the past three years while unemployment has been steadily rising. Therefore I move under Standing Order 43:

That the government immediately convene a meeting of representatives of the provinces, municipalities, organized labour and industry to consider and recommend adequate measures to be taken without delay to stimulate the economy and thereby combat serious and rising unemployment.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion that would be proposed by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings. The motion requires the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: As there is not unanimous consent, the motion cannot be put.

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● (2:50 p.m.)

AIR CANADA

EMPLOYEE LAY-OFFS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, under Standing Order 43 I ask the consent of the House to move the following motion:

That the problem arising as a result of the announcement by Air Canada that 415 employees are to be laid off almost immediately be referred for investigation to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, in view of the fact

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that this announcement comes at a time when unemployment in Canada is higher than it has been during any period in the last ten years.

Mr. Speaker: The motion proposed by the hon. member for Winnipeg North, of which he has just apprised the House, requires unanimous consent. Pursuant to Standing Order 43 the Chair must inquire whether there is unanimity.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent forthcoming and the motion cannot be put.

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BAY OF FUNDY TIDES—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask leave of the House to move a motion under Standing Order 43, requesting that immediate action be taken by the government to refer the Atlantic Tidal Power Programming Board report to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Public Works.

The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has indicated his willingness to review the findings of this board if requested to do so by the governments of the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. In view of the fact that such a request has not been made by these governments, I therefore move:

That this House urges the government to refer immediately the report of the Atlantic Tidal Power Programming Board to the Committee on Natural Resources and Public Works, coupled with all other pertinent information presently available and with the power to call witnesses and introduce evidence that pertains to this proposed development.

Mr. Speaker: Again this is a motion which requires the unanimous consent of the House and the Chair must inquire whether there is unanimity in this regard.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimity and the motion cannot be put.

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INCOME TAX ACT

On the order: Introduction of bills:

December 19, 1970—The Minister of Finance—Bill intituled: "An Act to amend the Income Tax Act and to amend an Act to amend that Act.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder whether this notice could be dropped from the Order Paper for the time being?

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.