

S.O. 43

EXCISE TAX

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to draw to the attention of this House an injustice arising from the federal excise tax on natural gas and which is being underlined by the presence in Ottawa today of the 18 directors of the Alberta Gas Co-ops Federation. Under present regulations the excise tax must be paid within 30 days from the end of the month in which the gas is used. Most gas utilities do not collect revenue or make calculations of gas sales until approximately 75 days from the end of the month in which the gas is used, and cannot comply with existing payment regulations. In fact, at present many gas utilities must borrow money at excessively high interest rates to pay the tax. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

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That the government accede to the request of the Alberta Gas Co-ops that all gas utilities be allowed 90 days following the end of the month in which the gas is used to calculate, collect and remit the excise tax to Revenue Canada until the tax can be eliminated completely.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

CAFETERIA AND LAUNDRY WORKERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. As the Supreme Court of Canada on December 18 recognized the equal contribution of a woman to the success of her partner, awarding Rosa Becker half the assets accumulated by her common law partner of 19 years, and as the Treasury Board has finally decided to honour recommendations of the Canadian Human Rights Commission giving the female-dominated library science group of federal librarians salary equalization adjustments so that their pay indicates their work has equal value with that of the male-dominated historical research librarians, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That this House urge the government to act on the directions of the Canadian Human Rights Commission and immediately implement a long outstanding "equal pay for work of equal value" settlement with its federal cafeteria and laundry workers.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE MINISTRY

SPEECH OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan), in his speech to dairy farmers at Moncton, New Brunswick, on January 20, 1981, stated:

—so it seems sad to me to hear some citizens of this country talking about not wanting to share their regional resources or their tax revenues with the other parts of the country.

It is clear that the minister was referring to the people of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, even though they have in fact shared their oil and gas wealth and tax revenues to a greater extent than any province at any time in confederation and have always paid the extra tariff charges to support manufacturing in central Canada. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That the Prime Minister direct the Minister of Agriculture to stop sowing the seeds of dissension in other parts of Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

REAFFIRMATION OF PROVINCIAL OWNERSHIP—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The National Energy Program has fostered and is continuing to foster apprehension in Canada. Much of this apprehension is caused by the repeated suggestion that loss of provincial ownership of resources is at stake. To reduce such apprehension I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington (Mr. Vankoughnet):

That Parliament, through appropriate action of this House, reaffirm that natural resources within the boundaries of each and every province shall remain the property of the provinces; and furthermore, that the final address to Her Majesty on constitutional patriation shall contain within the proposed amending formula a section affirming that no existing natural resource ownership rights shall be taken from any province without the express consent of the affected province.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.