

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 6, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

PROTESTED EROSION OF RAIL SERVICE IN NOVA SCOTIA—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that CN Express has arbitrarily proceeded with the construction of a \$2 million terminal in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, thereby effectively destroying the employment opportunities of 14 express employees presently residing in Bridgewater, Liverpool, Shelburne and Yarmouth, even though the record shows that these operations provide a profit to the CNR, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the House directs the Minister of Transport, who has already approved the shutting down of the passenger service and the car-loading centre at Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, to stop the erosion of transportation services along the south shore by retaining the express terminals at the locations mentioned.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Standing Order requires unanimous consent for the introduction of such a motion. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

NEW FIGHTER PLANES FOR NATO FORCE—MOTION UNDER  
S.O. 43

**Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 43. The Canadian government has indicated its intention to proceed with the purchase of 125 to 150 fighter planes, at a cost of \$2.3 billion, the bulk of which would be used for replacing Voodoo fighters in North America and the balance in conjunction with NATO ground forces in central Europe.

In view of the urgent necessity for cutting down and restraining unnecessary and wasteful government expenditures, and the wide-sweeping nature of proposed cuts in other

government services, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House requires the Minister of National Defence and the cabinet to reconsider the proposed purchase of the fighter planes for use in North America and to postpone or cancel the orders, bearing in mind the fact that a threat against which the fighters might be employed, namely, an attack by manned bombers from the U.S.S.R., is so remote as to be virtually non-existent in the missile age, and that the proposed expenditure is therefore a colossal waste of public funds and taxpayers' money.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of such a motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PROPOSED REDUCTION IN BANK RATE TO CURB INFLATION—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a question dealing with an important question of pressing necessity.

Considering that higher interest rates generally exert pressure on prices and raise the level of inflation; considering that for the sixth time since the beginning of the year the Bank of Canada has announced a one half of one per cent increase in its discount rate; considering finally that chartered banks will soon react likewise and that consumers will have to bear the burden, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Roberval (Mr. Gauthier):

That the House urge the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) to bring his authority to bear on the Bank of Canada so that it agrees to reduce its interest rate to stimulate economic growth and control inflation.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.