S.O. 43

FISHERIES

CALL FOR REVIEW OF INSPECTION SYSTEM PRIOR TO ISSUING EXPORT PERMITS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Whereas changes in federal fisheries inspection procedures are causing higher demands on inspection and facilities than can be met, particularly in Atlantic Canada, whereas this is causing delays to processors in receiving certificates to permit export of fish from Canada, and whereas the annual amount of exports has tripled for fish products in the last few years and the number of inspections have remained the same, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae):

• (1410)

That this House urge the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to review the inspection system, which is delaying issuance of certificates, and to implement procedures that are cognitive of the need for quality; and also to recognize the reduced number of personnel and facilities available to meet the needs for speed for our processors in Atlantic Canada.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HORTICULTURE

IMPORTATION OF FLORIDA TOMATOES—UNFAIR COMPETITION WITH CANADIAN GROWERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. John Wise (Elgin): I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. It relates to the importation of Florida field tomatoes into the British Columbia market, such that the volume of imports is displacing 50 per cent of the domestic hothouse product and thereby creating unfair competition and causing hardship and financial difficulty to Canadian growers. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan-Similkameen (Mr. King):

That the government take immediate action to impose an appropriate level of surtax on Florida tomatoes to at least restore a position of equal competition to Canadian growers, and that this government accept the recommendations of the Canadian Horticultural Council of including tomatoes in the list of named commodities under the automatic surtax provisions enacted on October 22, 1979, by the previous PC government.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE ECONOMIC DISPARITY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. J. Robert Howie (York-Sunbury): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in May hit its highest level since April, 1979, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte (Mr. McCain):

That this House direct the government to immediately bring in measures to provide tax contracts to defer taxes for industries locating or expanding in areas suffering from economic disparity, and that it expedite its efforts to implement the small business development bond.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD

FIRE PROTECTION FOR PORT OF VANCOUVER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43. Inasmuch as the city of Vancouver soon will cancel the operation of the only fireboat which provides fire protection in the port of Vancouver, and since all municipalities bordering Vancouver harbour require fire protection by sea, and this should clearly be the responsibility of the National Harbours Board, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell):

That the Minister of Transport take immediate steps to instruct the National Harbours Board to purchase the Vancouver city fireboat and, in co-operation with the region, extend fire protection to cover the waterfront areas adjacent to all municipalities surrounding the port of Vancouver.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ELECTRICITY

DISPARITY BETWEEN ATLANTIC RATES AND NATIONAL AVERAGE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of growing urgency to Atlantic Canadians. In view of the continuing, unacceptably high unemployment in Atlantic Canada, arising in large part from commercial and industrial electricity rates—which in Atlantic Canada are already 60 per cent above the national average—