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grain-handling co-operatives. Since the Conservative Party in the West is splitting on support of the Gilson Report, with Alberta going one way and Saskatchewan the other, I move, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, seconded by the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That this House urge the federal Conservative Party to take an unequivocal stand in favour of retention of the Crow rate and appeal to their Alberta wing not to sell out to the transport and agri-business interests who wish to abolish Crow.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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CROWN CORPORATIONS

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT—COMMENT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, in light of the fact that the Auditor General of Canada has proclaimed that Government auditors are frequently denied access to information required to judge whether Government money in Crown corporations is being spent with regard and respect for economy, and since the Auditor General of Canada, Kenneth Dye, has stated that he sees more merit in the previous Crown Corporation Bill introduced in 1979 by the Progressive Conservative Party under the leadership of the Right Hon. Member for Yellowhead (Mr. Clark), and claimed that that Bill "had an effective framework for the control, direction and accountability of Crown-owned corporations", and since Auditor General Dye further proclaimed that the present Liberal Government's Crown Corporation Bill "advances no provisions dealing with the audit of Crown-owned corporations", I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn):

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That the Government of the day, in keeping with the spirit and express wishes of the Auditor General, withdraw the present legislation placed before us by the Liberals and replace it with that legislation previously tabled by the Clark Conservative Government, which the Auditor General found to be more acceptable and workable.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

CHARTER OF RIGHTS

APPLICATION TO SASKATCHEWAN PUBLIC SERVANTS

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Madam Speaker, I also rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a civil rights issue. Last week, my alderman, Mr. Harry Van Mulligan, was confronted by his employer, the Government of Saskatchewan, with a hard choice—either move to a new post in Prince Albert or lose his job. Mr. Van Mulligan had spoken out in opposition to the provincial Government's restraint program in the course of doing the job he was elected to do on Regina City Council.

The Premier of Saskatchewan has since gone on to declare that each and every Government employee who also serves his or her community on school boards, hospital boards, and even on church boards, must carefully weigh the consequences of freely speaking their minds in public. These tactics, Madam Speaker, are more suited to totalitarian, single-party states than they are to the—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: It seems to me that the Hon. Member is dealing with a matter which is solely under provincial jurisdiction.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. de Jong: Madam Speaker, these actions are a serious infringement of the Canadian Charter of Rights. I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin):

That this House condemn the curtailment of basic civil and political liberties of Saskatchewan public servants by the Government of Saskatchewan.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Order. I really have the impression that this is a matter which deals with provincial responsibility and should have been brought up in that legislature. The Hon. Member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman).

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TRADE

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF ASIA-PACIFIC FOUNDATION IN VANCOUVER

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the current 12.7 per cent unemployment rate, negative 4.4 per cent GNP growth rate and slumping production in Canada, as well as growing world protectionism in the industrialized OECD and Canada's over-reliance on resource exports and trade with the United States, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Vancouver Centre (Miss Carney):

That the Government move as quickly as possible to implement the recommendations of the Bruk study to establish an Asia-Pacific Foundation Headquarters in Vancouver to exploit and expand Canada's trade relations with Asian Pacific