

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE BUDGET

SUGGESTED WITHDRAWAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Madam Speaker, the Peace River country has long been known as a land of golden opportunity with its vast energy and agricultural potential, and whereas the recent 11.7 per cent unemployment rate reflects the shattering of this potential by the government's disastrous economic policies, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That the government immediately withdraw its budget and assume a positive role of co-operation and incentive so that employment opportunities will be reopened for people in all sectors.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUDGET—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Statistics Canada recently revealed figures showing that almost one million Canadians are unemployed. That number is rising each week. When you include what are known as the hidden unemployed, those people who consider their employment situation so bleak that they have simply stopped looking, the number of unemployed could easily total a million and a half, which is an estimated 12 per cent of the Canadian labour force.

In light of the fact that the recently tabled federal budget was totally regressive in nature and contained absolutely nothing, either to prevent the escalating losses of existing jobs or to provide for the immediate creation of new ones, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the November budget of the Minister of Finance, which has been universally condemned by Canadians everywhere, be immediately withdrawn and replaced by a new budget which would realistically address the urgent problems of this nation.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

S.O. 43

THE BUDGET

DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION OF PRIME MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, whereas every Liberal MP in this House voted in favour of the November 12 budget which increases unemployment: by driving capital, equipment and expertise out of the country, by reducing capital cost allowances and increasing capital gains taxes, by killing initiative, by continuing high interest rates, etc., etc., I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That this House demands that the Prime Minister do immediately tender his resignation to the Governor General on the grounds that he and his party have betrayed the people of Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

CALL FOR ACTION TO BE TAKEN INDEPENDENTLY OF UNITED STATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In the spirit of the Chinese Year of the Dog, if the government's budget and its monetarist policy were hung on a fire hydrant, it is clear what Canadians, like dogs, would like to do on them. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Spadina (Mr. Heap):

That the government refrain from its dog-eat-dog and dog's-breakfast approach to interest rates and its rabid and its rather mongrel approach to budgeting, and instead take serious action to stimulate our ailing economy to bring it back to life, and follow Japan and a number of western European countries which have taken action independent from the United States to stimulate their own economies.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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DISASTERS

FIRE AT SPANISH, ONT.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the tragic fire which took place in the small northern Ontario town of Spanish early yesterday morning, which claimed the lives of seven children and two adults and left several other families