

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 17, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NECESSITY FOR CANADA-UNITED STATES ACTION ON ACID RAIN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Madam Speaker, the government is clearly aware of the vital necessity of establishing an immediate program for the reduction and eventual elimination of acid rain, the greatest single threat to our environment today. It is also aware that, although acid precipitation from the United States contributes significantly to the problem, that country's administration is obviously unwilling to participate in a meaningful way in such a program. In light of the recent collapse of bilateral negotiations, due to the obstructive attitude on the part of U. S. representatives, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the Prime Minister immediately contact President Reagan to demand that priority action be taken by both nations to solve the serious problem of acid rain.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### HOUSING

#### CALL FOR ACTION ON MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Len Gustafson (Assiniboia):** Madam Speaker, housing in Canada is in a deplorable situation, while housing starts in the United States are up 22.3 per cent. The Premier of Saskatchewan today is implementing a mortgage interest rate of 13.25 per cent for housing in Saskatchewan, which will stimulate housing starts in that province. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That this government take positive steps on interest rates before the House closes, in order to put an end to the depressed state of the housing industry in Canada.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

#### SUGGESTED ROLE FOR PUBLIC SERVANT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin):** Madam Speaker, Mr. Ed Clark, the architect of the Liberal government's ruinous National Energy Program, is being sent off to France for one year at a cost to the Canadian taxpayer of approximately \$70,000, in order that he may work for a Paris-based multinational, a company that would appear to have a death wish.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Greenaway:** In view of the disastrous effect that Ed Clark's policies have had on the Canadian energy sector and the entire Canadian economy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour):

That the government fire Ed Clark and urge him to spend the next year in western Canada instead of in Paris, in order that he can explain the National Energy Program to the thousands who have lost their jobs and businesses as a result of his destructive policies.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY

#### EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of statements made by William Brock of the Reagan administration that his discussions with the Canadian External Affairs minister about FIRA were, "encouraging" and "would make life easier for both of us", implying a weakening of the Agency, and this in spite of the Minister of Industry's recent