

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, January 12, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE ECONOMY

CALL FOR NEW BUDGETARY POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Clearly, as the economic conditions which prompted the record long emergency debate in the House of Commons on the day before the Christmas recess continue to exist and the government's economic policies are proving to be ineffectual, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York North (Mr. Gamble):

That the Minister of Finance announce his intention to bring down a budget no later than the first week of February that will change government policies to deal with the excessive interest rates, high unemployment, double-digit inflation, stagnant growth and the decline in productivity.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

RESOLUTION PROVISIONS RELATING TO REFERENDA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas David Lewis, former national leader of the NDP, stated on Friday that the inclusion of the referenda provisions in the proposed constitutional resolution were immoral, and whereas the present national leader of the NDP stated yesterday that he would attach no conditions to his support of that resolution, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock-North Delta (Mr. Friesen):

That the present leader of the NDP reconsider his position on what he calls a civilized document and accept the advice of his former leader and demand that those provisions be withdrawn from the resolution as a condition of his support for it.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING WORKING CAPITAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Considering that bankruptcies in Canada have risen by more than 70 per cent over the past three years, and recognizing the sharp increase in the number of small businesses placed in receivership by lending institutions as the current economic crisis deepens, therefore, in order to ease the growing burden of a sadly misguided monetary policy which falls so heavily on small business, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That steps be taken immediately to amend the Small Businesses Loans Act so that working capital will qualify for lower interest rates under this act.

● (1410)

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

SEPT-ÎLES—ASSISTANCE TO LAID-OFF EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. André Maltais (Manicouagan): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

All members of this House learned last Friday, January 9, that the Iron Ore Company of Canada has decided to suspend operations for an indefinite period at its concentrator and pellet plant in Sept-Îles. This economic decision will result in the short term in the lay-off of 500 workers in Sept-Îles and of 150 others in Schefferville.