

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, October 29, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

• (1105)

MOTIONS UNDER S.O. 43

[English]

MEDICAL CARE

PREMIUM INCREASES UNDER GROUP SURGICAL-MEDICAL INSURANCE PLAN

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, whereas the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Gray) has authorized large increases in the monthly premiums payable under the federal Group Surgical-Medical Insurance Plan, increases of between 30 per cent and 100 per cent, effective August 1, 1982, and whereas these increases are clearly a violation of the Government's own six and five per cent limits, and wreak an intolerable hardship on many war veterans, widows, and other pensioners, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Vancouver Centre (Miss Carney):

That Cabinet order the President of Treasury Board to roll back immediately GSMIP premium increases of more than 30 per cent, which were announced several weeks ago, to a maximum 6 per cent effective August 1, 1982.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

PROPOSED INCREASE IN POSTAL RATES

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, whereas, in a memo circulated on Monday, October 25, Canada Post smugly announced its intention to follow the requirements of the six and five program by limiting its latest increase to only two cents, or 6.6 per cent, forgetting that the resentment has barely subsided over the incredible 13-cent or 76 per cent jump in rates last year, and whereas that rate increase was conveniently implemented just before the six and five program was tabled, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson):

That, in fairness to the Canadian people, postal rates be maintained at their present level for the foreseeable future.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

POSITION OF ALBERTA NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the NDP in Alberta is promising to protect property rights, and whereas the NDP and the Liberals in Ottawa took property rights out of the Charter, after the Progressive Conservative Party put property rights into the Charter; therefore, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That the people of Canada beware of a party that speaks with a forked tongue.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

SUGGESTION MINISTER ACT AS MEDIATOR IN WEST COAST PORTS DISPUTE

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion which I am sure will be supported by all members of this House. In view of the adverse economic effects of the strike/lockout on the West Coast, and the fact that agriculture is one of the only sectors that has been operating at nearly full capacity, and in view of the hardships thereby caused to farmers and railway workers, I move a motion that is based on a precedent set by the Hon. Member for Lincoln (Mr. Mackasey), when he was Minister of Labour. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Humboldt-Lake Centre (Mr. Althouse):

That this House urges the Minister of Labour to go to Vancouver and make himself available to act as a mediator in this dispute, and to stay in Vancouver until a satisfactory resolution is achieved.