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of Canada, which resulted in the final act of the patriation of the Canadian Constitution, which relates to the lives of all Canadians, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday):

That the House of Commons go on record as extending our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for a job well done to the Speaker and Sergeant-at-Arms and their respective staffs, the security staff, the restaurant and cafeteria personnel, those who performed maintenance work, logistic support employees, transportation workers and the traffic division staff, and that the House of Commons also go on record as extending the same sentiments of gratitude and appreciation to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, personnel from the Department of Public Works, Secretary of State personnel, and all others not named but who participated.

Madam Speaker: I am sure the House will want to show its appreciation by applauding.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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THE CONSTITUTION

SUGGESTED INCLUSION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, Canada's Constitution has come home, and the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has said that this is just the beginning. One of the cornerstones of a free and democratic society is the right to own and enjoy private property. This right has been left out of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. All thinking and freedom-loving Canadians desire to have this right contained in Canada's Constitution. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the agenda at the initial meeting of the First Ministers of Canada to discuss amendments to the Constitution contain a recommendation that Section 2, headed "Fundamental Freedoms", be amended by adding after "(d) freedom of association" the following new section: "(e) freedom to own and enjoy property and the right not to be deprived thereof except by due process of law"; and that all Canadians urge the Government of Canada and their provincial governments to accept this amendment to Canada's Constitution.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PARLIAMENT

NECESSITY FOR REDISTRIBUTION LEGISLATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver-Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. The 1981 census figures have been released. These population statistics indicate that there should

be an additional five representatives of the people of British Columbia and an additional six representatives of the people of the province of Alberta, not to mention the ten for Ontario. It is hoped there will be a federal election long before the dilatory, time-consuming and lengthy process can be finished under the present compromise legislation. The people of western Canada are likely to be left underrepresented in the next election despite their growth in population. If you are going to do it, get it done fast; if you are not, let it go. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan north (Mr. Dantzer):

That this House urge and instruct the government to bring in immediately a new redistribution bill that will speed up the process and ensure that the next federal election will be fought on a basis giving western Canadians the new seats the west so richly deserves.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

TREATMENT OF DREDGING CONTRACT CONSPIRATORS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In 1979 two former dredging executives, Harold McNamara and Sydney Cooper, were convicted of conspiracy in rigging bids on federal government dredging contracts, and sentenced to five-year jail terms. In view of the fact that both businessmen were released after serving only ten months, or one sixth of their sentences, and put on day parole to be served in their own homes, and in view of the fact that Cooper was allowed, while on day parole, to fly down to Florida and the Caribbean for a Christmas holiday, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That this House condemns the National Parole Board and the Solicitor General for this vivid illustration of the fact that there exists one law for the rich, powerful friends of the Liberal government, and another law for the poor.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

CALL FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTER—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, the government and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources have implemented a national energy policy that