

That this House direct the government to instruct de Havilland officers to meet with elected business and labour leaders in the Waterloo region fully to explore the feasibility of this expansion at Waterloo-Wellington airport.

**Madam Speaker:** For presentation, such a 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 MINISTRY

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

**Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Atlantic Canada has the highest unemployment and the lowest per capita income in the nation. When asked what he intended to do about it, the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) responded with the curt answer: "Read the budget". When asked what he planned to do to help his neighbours and fellow maritimers to put meat and potatoes on their tables and feed their families, the minister showed his disdain, contempt, arrogance and certainly his lack of concern by not even giving Atlantic Canadians the courtesy of a one-word reply: "Nothing". Rather, he sat and sulked. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie):

That in view of the minister's shameful performance and his callous attitude toward his fellow Atlantic Canadians, he resign immediately.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** He is the "incredible sulk."

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

#### NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

PREDICTED LOSS OF JOBS AND INVESTMENT

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. It concerns Canadian jobs and Canadian investment that are being unnecessarily lost as a result of this government's policies. The Prime Minister will know that Canadian-owned drilling rigs in an industry which is 80 to 90 per cent owned by the people of this country are lining up at the Canada-U.S. border to leave this country. He will know that a survey by *The Calgary*

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*Herald* estimates that some 376 Canadian drilling rigs will move to the United States, causing at least 22,500 Canadians to lose their jobs. The drilling association says that this flight of jobs and investment from Canada is a direct result of the government's energy policy.

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Will the Prime Minister tell the House whether his government is considering any change in that policy to stop this loss of jobs and Canadian investment?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and his officials have been meeting with various representatives of the industry. We have been asking them to give us their figures indicating what degree of loss, if any, they pretend will happen as a result of the national energy policy.

**Some hon. Members:** Pretend?

**Mr. Trudeau:** We have been having these meetings. Our figures show that predictions by the industry that they will suffer drastic losses are not justified. This is a matter which can be established by statistical analysis and by facts. We are still expecting from several of them the submission of their failures and the magnitude of drilling which had been projected and so on. When we have these figures, we will be able to see if in fact the new national energy policy does have these dire consequences, which they are naturally talking about because nobody likes to pay increased taxes. If our figures are correct, and we believe they are until they are contradicted with contrary submissions, the petroleum industry and the drilling section of it, and the exploration section of it in particular, will be in a position to have ample cash flow and funds to continue their policy.

I repeat, this is a matter which is trying to be established by the minister and his officials. If we have the co-operation of the industry, which many of the members of it are giving now, we will be able to see if any adjustments are necessary; but as of this date we have no evidence that such adjustments are necessary.

**Mr. Clark:** Madam Speaker, it might be hard to see that evidence from Saudi Arabia. However, it is very evident when one is in western Canada.

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

**Mr. Clark:** The Prime Minister talks of pretence. The fact is that at least 66 drilling rigs have already left. If he wants to find more, he can go to Coutts—that is the town in Alberta, not his assistant—and look at the line-up of other rigs standing there ready to leave.

Let me deal with another dimension to this problem because it is not simply in western Canada that jobs are being lost; they are being lost right across this country. I received information this morning that in the rubber industry in southwestern Ontario, if present economic and energy policies continue, there will be a job loss of some 300 to 400 jobs in that industry