

S.O. 43

That this House deplore the fact that while the Prime Minister speaks about the North-South dialogue, his government and MPs are not even prepared to give Canada's northern and native people a fair hearing on Bill C-48.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

TRIAL OF VICTOR BRAILOVSKY IN U.S.S.R.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Smith (Don Valley East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Victor Brailovsky is a prominent Jewish scientist in the Soviet Union and has attempted for ten years to emigrate to Israel with his family. Yesterday, after seven months of imprisonment without formal charges, Mr. Brailovsky was informed that his trial would take place tomorrow. He has been charged with disseminating fabricated material which is defamatory to the Soviet state. He could face a three-year sentence.

In view of the fact that the Soviet Union seems determined to make an example of Dr. Brailovsky, and determined to make a mockery of the principles of the Helsinki Final Act, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman) and the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow):

That the House convey to the Soviet government its concern and growing apprehension in the Victor Brailovsky case.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the presentation of this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

NORTHERN QUEBEC SERVICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. The CBC services to northern Quebec have recently suffered from a drop in morale as well as a high rate of staff turnover. In light of the tremendous importance which this service has to the Cree and

Inuit of this region, and in light of the role of the CBC as a vehicle for the transmission of language and culture, I move, seconded by the hon. member from Prince George-Bulkley Valley (Mr. McCuish):

That the Secretary of State for Communications undertake to review the northern Quebec services and examine the relationship of the style and actions of the non-native management of the service to the problems of low morale and high staff turnover.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, it is obvious from the operation of the money markets that the government's obsession with maintaining an 83-cent dollar in the face of an economic program and a fiscal stance that tend to depress our currency on money markets is the principal cause why interest rates in Canada are as much as 5 per cent higher in some cases than they are in the United States. This obsession with the exchange rate is causing undue hardship to all Canadians. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid):

That the government cease paying attention to the exchange value of the Canadian dollar and allow an interest rate to prevail in Canada appropriate to the economic well-being of Canadians generally.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

FUTURE OF ALBERTA MEGAPROJECTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas officials at both Imperial Oil's Cold Lake Project and the Alsands project near Fort McMurray have announced that the government's current pricing offer for synthetic crude production is insufficient to make either project viable, and whereas both plants could be cancelled completely for lack of a suitable pricing agreement between the federal and provincial governments and the industry, and whereas approximately \$20 billion of private investment, hundreds of technology experts, and unique tarsands and heavy oil technology stand to be lost if