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prepared to ignore the danger associated in doing business with the Argentinian government, a country beset by internal strife, a place where human rights do not exist and where thousands of people have simply disappeared, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That the Canadian government withdraw 71 Canadian technicians from Argentina in order to express our opposition to human rights violations in that country and the occupation of the Falkland Islands and to ensure that the spent fuel from the Candu reactor will not be used to make nuclear weapons.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

CALL FOR DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, Liberal administrations over the past 14 years have consistently promised to fight inflation. It started with the Benson budget in 1968. In 1973 the minister of finance at that time, John Turner, said "This budget is aimed at reducing inflationary pressure in Canada and at offsetting the effect of past inflation." In 1974 the same minister said, "Two digit inflation . . . is simply not acceptable to this government." In the same year the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) promised to wrestle inflation to the ground. In 1976 the then finance minister, Donald Macdonald, said "Our first objective must be to maintain the underlying trend to lower inflation." In 1978 the present Minister of Justice (Mr. Chrétien) said, "We are being held back by serious unemployment and inflation and we must do all we can to deal with them."

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It goes on and on. In 1980, 1981 and 1982 the present Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) said the same thing. Madam Speaker, it is obvious that the present administration has lost the battle, inflation has gone from 4 per cent in 1968 to 11.6 per cent today.

Madam Speaker: Order. At every sentence I have been hoping the hon. member would finish his enumeration and go to his motion. I must ask him to go to the motion.

Mr. McDermid: I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Prime Minister accept defeat in his battle against inflation, go to the Governor General to dissolve Parliament, call an election immediately, so that Canadians can decide who should be leading the battle against inflation and toward economic renewal.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, in view of the importance and increased need for a greater emphasis on science and technology in order to reverse our economic decline, and in view of the fact that both Dr. Stuart Smith of the Science Council of Canada, and Dr. Larkin Kerwin of the National Research Council, have endorsed the urgent need for this new emphasis on science and technology, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That there be established a committee of the House of Commons to be known as the Standing Committee on Science and Technology.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

UREA FORMALDEHYDE FOAM INSULATION—DEMAND THAT MINISTER ANSWER HOME OWNERS' QUESTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) made statements in this House yesterday which were misleading when he said the federal Liberal government was the only government attempting to help the owners of homes with urea formaldehyde foam insulation; whereas recently released research indicates that the federal government program may be a colossal \$110 million failure, and in the interest of providing accurate, honest information to home owners so they will be informed about the long-term hazards they face, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That in the future the minister spend more time answering questions rather than criticizing his colleagues and misleading the people of the country, and that he and the Minister of National Health and Welfare give an undertaking that they will in this House provide written answers to the list of questions which are being given to him by hand this afternoon which have been asked by home owners with UFFI in their homes.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?