

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 20, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE ADMINISTRATION

DEMAND FOR RESIGNATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, the Liberal government's economic program is a disastrous failure. Unemployment continues to increase, interest rates remain high, and inflation is rising. The country is sick unto death. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart):

That this House demands the resignation of the Prime Minister and his cabinet before Canada goes down the tube.

The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) and the PC Party are Canada's only hope.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

LAY-OFFS IN WINNIPEG—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, the ill-advised VIA Rail cutbacks, the Canadian National Railways laying off of 1,200 at the Transcona shops in Winnipeg, and the disastrous economic policies imposed on Canadians by the government have caused the worst unemployment since the Depression. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration, who has ample evidence of the failure of his policies in his own home city, take immediate action to reverse the spiralling unemployment in Winnipeg and across the country by putting a halt to the laying off of 1,200 people at the CNR's Transcona shops in Winnipeg.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HUMAN RIGHTS

CALL FOR RELEASE BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES OF UKRAINIAN POET, IVAN SVITLYCHNY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, which I believe will have the support of all hon. members of the House.

In 1972 the Ukrainian literary scholar and poet, Ivan Svitlychny, was given a 12-year sentence for alleged anti-Soviet crimes. He spent seven years in a strict regime labour camp, and is currently serving five years in internal exile. In the past year he has suffered two strokes and is in grave condition. His left side is paralysed, he cannot talk, his spine is damaged, and he has severe kidney problems. If he is to survive it is imperative that he be released into the care of his sister in New Jersey so that he can obtain the necessary medical treatment. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Don Valley East (Mr. Smith) and the hon. member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. Rose):

That, in light of Mr. Svitlychny's serious condition, this House urge Soviet authorities to release Ivan Svitlychny under provision of Article 100 of the Russian SFSR Corrective Labour Code, which states that convicted persons suffering from serious illnesses can have their sentences commuted, and that Mr. Svitlychny be allowed to join his sister in New Jersey.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Does the House agree to the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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DISARMAMENT

SUPPORT FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREEZE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Miss Pauline Jewett (New Westminster-Coquitlam): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent necessity on this day of the Canadian women's petition for peace. Under the authority of