

S.O. 43

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the deplorable practice of this Liberal Government of naming unemployed and unemployable ex-Cabinet Ministers to ambassadorial posts abroad, as illustrated by the appointments of one ex-Minister, Mr. Edgar Benson, to the bucolic charms of Éire, and of another, Mr. Don Jamieson, to the hallowed halls of Great Britain, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley):

That this House regrets the dismantling of the merit system in the Department of External Affairs and the elbowing aside of professional diplomats in such appointments in the interests of the Liberal Party of Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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REFUGEES

PROVISION OF WORK PERMITS FOR SALVADORAN REFUGEES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity occasioned by the news in the media that over 600 refugees in Canada, many of them from El Salvador, have recently been cut off from receiving any public assistance. This underlines the fact that the Government normally takes a year or a year and a half to process their applications. Very many of them have been refused effective permission to work to maintain themselves and their families, and the Government has failed to acquaint its own staff fully with special provisions for Salvadoran refugees. Therefore I move seconded by the Hon. Member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly):

That the Government instruct all of its staff fully on the special provisions for Salvadoran refugees, give them temporary permission to work while they await the Government's decision on their fate, and add the necessary staff to the Refugee Status Advisory Committee to speed up the processing beyond the present timing of a year and a half.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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CORPORATE SHAREHOLDING LIMITATION ACT

REASONS FOR INTRODUCTION

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity. One of the serious impediments to confidence and job creation in our country has been the continual war between the provinces and the federal Government. Yesterday in the Senate, the Government introduced a Bill which once again escalates this distrust and lack of confidence. I therefore move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett):

That the Prime Minister immediately on Motions following the Question Period today explain fully to the people of Canada and to the House the reason why this piece of legislation was introduced without discussion with provincial governments and exactly what is the danger to the peace, order and good government of Canada that this Bill attempts to prevent.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

DISQUALIFICATION OF UNEMPLOYED BRITISH COLUMBIA CARPENTERS

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of pressing and urgent necessity affecting some 120 unemployed carpenters in Richmond, British Columbia. These carpenters, who were formerly employed by Citation Cabinets, have been disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits although they were laid off after the plant re-opened following the strike.

Whereas these employees have paid into the Unemployment Insurance Fund, and whereas they are now having to turn to provincial welfare benefits to sustain their families, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Surrey-White Rock-North Delta (Mr. Friesen):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration be directed to approve the immediate payment of unemployment insurance benefits to the 120 unemployed carpenters recently laid off in Richmond, B.C.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.