

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

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A motion to adjourn the house under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

### CANADIAN ECONOMY—REMEDIAL MEASURES CONTEMPLATED BY GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, I asked the following question:

Would the minister tell the house which action the government intends to take to remedy the weaknesses of government policy in matters of unemployment, industrial wind ups and price stability?

My question was made up of three different parts. I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me tonight the opportunity to discuss this problem. As a matter of fact, it is a problem that can be discussed very rarely because there is not enough time to do it, even if it is a problem of the highest importance.

I thank you, Mr. Speaker, for the privilege of asking my question again to the Minister of Forestry and Rural Development (Mr. Marchand).

In taking this opportunity, I am asking once again the same question to all hon. ministers and members, specially to those who are particularly responsible for the economy on the national scale. Unemployment, bankruptcies or industrial wind ups, increase in prices, those are three economic factors that prove the weakness of the government policy in the economic field.

Why is unemployment increasing? Why do our industries close their doors or fall into the hands of foreign capitalists? Why do prices increase during a period of growing unemployment? Those are the various questions that I want to bring up tonight and to which I would like some answers.

Those three obvious indications of nationwide economic trouble should open our eyes, should make us aware of the weaknesses of our economic policy, and compel us to correct the causes, before the population is even more adversely affected.

Let us not waste any more time proving that such difficulties exist. Everyone admits that they do. Newspapers mention them every day. All sociologists are agreed that the rich are getting richer while, at the same time, the

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poor are getting poorer, within the boundaries of one country and in all the countries of the world.

This gap is forever widening, Mr. Speaker, between the poor countries and the rich ones, between the under-developed countries and the highly industrialized ones. But even in the latter, there are the same widening gaps between the prosperous citizens and the indigent ones.

The trouble being general, it is all the more tragic. Instead of letting it spread, we should without delay look for adequate remedies. There is no point in maintaining the same economic policies to correct the ills that they have brought about, directly or indirectly. It is our responsibility therefore to call the attention of the ministry on that point while avoiding criticizing anybody.

I find that since the new government took office on June 25 last, the same dropping curve persists and the same economic policy on the part of the government inevitably leads to the same results. Consequently the economic situation deteriorates instead of improving.

There is more and more division in Canada as the gap widens between the poor and the rich and the system proves increasingly unfair with the rich getting richer while the poor are getting poorer.

That situation being recognized and accepted, I might point out that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), as reported in yesterday's newspapers, stated before the students of the University of Montreal that the true solutions to the problems of our day have not been found yet.

In that respect, I would say that the Prime Minister is right—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I think that the hon. member's time has expired.

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to use these few minutes to reply to the hon. member for Compton (Mr. Latulippe), who, in his question, has touched upon three different subjects: unemployment, the closing of some industries and price in stability.

We have just heard the hon. member's plea. While listening to him, one would believe that Canada is now in a state altogether deplorable, terrible and not to be envied at all. One should not always look on the black side of things as the hon. member does in