

*Inflation*

is not very good. Churchill was wandering around England in the 1930's pointing out what was happening in Europe, while Stanley Baldwin was getting elected. I am convinced that Franklin Roosevelt could never have taken the United States into World War II without Pearl Harbour.

Anyone who believes that we do not have an impending crisis of enormous proportions in our society, or ignores the fact that we have not been able to find a way to deal with inflation, or the fact that we now have a combination of increasing inflation and declining growth is not reading history or the situation properly. I say to the government that we should get off this kick of saying inflation is a problem around the world and we cannot do anything about it. It must go to the Canadian people, and tell them the realities. I have great confidence they will face what must be done when they are asked to do so.

One must make one's own assumption about this, but surely the time has come when the Canadian people really do want inflation tackled, and really want leadership on the part of the government to deal with it. It seems to me—and this is the reason I congratulate the Creditiste party for bringing forward the motion today—that there is a great need on the part of the government to reverse the proposition it has been putting forward for such a long time that we cannot do anything about inflation. We must do something about inflation if we want our society to survive. We must take a strong line in dealing with these particular problems primarily to create the public support which is necessary to take the type of actions which I think must be taken.

I see that my time has expired, Madam Speaker. However, I wish to emphasize once again how critical is the very foundation of the institutions which we think are so significant. We really must face up to our problems. We have seen and see today the collapse of political systems. We have seen this in Portugal and Italy. It is comforting to say it cannot happen here, but when your infrastructure starts to collapse it is necessary for government to take action.

I strongly suggest that we should hear no more about our inability to do anything about inflation, and about it being a world-wide problem. Rather, we should have a government which says we have a terrible problem which will be solved only by all of us really understanding what it is and playing our part in an effort to solve it. If we do not do this, the costs we may pay are incalculable.

[Translation]

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Before I recognize the hon. member for Kamouraska (Mr. Dionne). I must hear the hon. member for Hull who is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Isabelle:** No, Madam Speaker, I am only seeking unanimous consent to revert to motions so I may table a committee report.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[Mr. Gillies.]

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[Translation]

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Third report of Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs—Mr. Isabelle.

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[Translation]

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**Mr. Dionne:** Madam Speaker, may I call it six o'clock?

At six o'clock the House took recess.

[English]

**AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing the House that the Senate have passed Bill C-29, an act respecting Canadian business corporations, with amendments, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

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