

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 9, 1981

The House met at 2.00 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

PRICE CHARGED DOMESTIC MARINE CARRIERS FOR FUEL  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie):** Madam Speaker, one goal of the National Energy Program is to promote energy conservation. However, in its usual shortsighted way, the federal government is actually encouraging fuel inefficient modes of transport by forcing domestic marine carriers to pay world price for fuel while not imposing the same price on surface carriers. Marine transport is three times more fuel efficient than rail, and eight times more fuel efficient than road transport. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for St. Catharines (Mr. Reid):

That this House urges the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to reassess the application of the National Energy Program so that users of road, rail or water transport can make a choice based not only on cost but also on fuel efficiency, thereby fulfilling one of the most important objectives of the NEP.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### HOUSING

CALL FOR MINISTER'S RESIGNATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough):** Madam Speaker, the minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has so far refused to do anything for people who have had to leave their homes because of poisonous UFFI fumes, and because he has done nothing so far for people who have to leave their homes because they cannot afford sky-rocketing mortgage interest rates, and since representatives of a now crippled housing industry announced today that housing starts are down 52 per cent and we would need a 150 per cent increase in housing starts to meet the Liberal government's own projections, I move, seconded by the member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation tender his resignation immediately before he throws us all out into the street.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### VETERANS AFFAIRS

DELAY IN PROCESSING PENSION APPLICATIONS—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of Veterans Affairs (Mr. Campbell) claims that Canada's treatment of its veteran population cannot be bettered anywhere in the world, but the United States can and does process its veterans' pension applications within 90 days, compared to Canada's disgraceful record of 46 months. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That this House demands that the Minister of Veterans Affairs act immediately to initiate changes in legislation which would reduce the pension application waiting period for Canadian veterans from the present unconscionable 46 months to not more than three months which is the limit in the United States.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### MEDICAL CARE

IMPOSITION OF USER FEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and national necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has assured Canadians that he will not allow federally funded medical care to be undermined by lack of equal accessibility; and whereas the government of Ontario, following the government of British Columbia, proposes to charge user fees for hospital care which, according to the Hall report and the Parliamentary Task Force on Established Programs Funding, will surely deter sick people with low incomes from using hospitals, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):