S.O. 43

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ESTIMATES

SUGGESTED APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, on Thursday, June 10, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Mac-Eachen) indicated that he would expect Members of Parliament, in examining the estimates, to reduce those estimates. In view of the fact that, by virtue of the rules, committees have ceased meeting on estimates, if the Minister of Finance is serious about the reduction in the cost of government I think the following motion would be found practical by the government. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett):

That the government set up a special committee of this House to examine such matters in the estimates that might in these difficult times be reduced or eliminated and that that special committee be entitled to call witnesses to examine expenditures with a view to reducing government expenses by 10 per cent.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon, Members: No.

EMPLOYMENT

STAFFING OF SASKATOON OFFICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In Saskatoon, the local employment centre is overworked and understaffed as the number of those seeking employment has increased from about 5,000 requests at this time last year to around 12,000 now. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration assign extra staff to the Saskatoon office to help handle the long lines of unemployed seeking jobs.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED CLOSING OF CHILDREN'S LISTENING CENTRE IN TORONTO—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the decision by the Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services to allow the Children's Listening Centre in Toronto to be closed at the end of this month because it is not on his list of spending priorities, and in view of that minister's further decision not to apply to the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) for financial assistance to maintain this invaluable centre for disturbed children, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That this House request the Minister of National Health and Welfare to investigate the possibility of providing the necessary funds to keep this children's centre open and to initiate negotiations with the province of Ontario to provide ongoing funding for the centre in view of that province's reluctance to do so.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

HIRING OF PARLIAMENTARY GUIDE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that an independent House of Commons selection committee rejected on the merits the application of the daughter of a member of the executive of the Prime Minister's riding association, and in view of the fact that the young woman was hired as a guide by the Executive Committee because a letter was written indicating that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) supported her application, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That this House condemn this blatant political interference in the House of Commons hiring process—

Madam Speaker: Order. This is a matter dealing with the internal administration. The hon. member has, I think, been told once before that matters of this nature should be discussed either privately with the Speaker or with the Members' Services Committee. Therefore, I cannot accept a motion on that particular subject.

RAILWAYS

CALL FOR INCREASE IN PENSIONS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Madam Speaker, the plight of many railway pensioners in Canada grows worse with every increase in the cost of living, yet the CPR and the