

S.O. 43

Considering the impassioned debate taking place in Quebec as a result of recent federal intrusions in exclusive provincial jurisdictions; considering the protests of the four western provinces blaming the federal government and supporting Quebec's claims; considering that over the past ten years this government has got into the habit of scoffing at Quebec authorities, treating them as second-class citizens; considering that there can be no peace without absolute recognition of provincial rights within their jurisdiction as spelled out in the constitution, with a view to ensuring that harmony and safeguarding provincial autonomy, thus ending the current crisis, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert):

That the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien), in a responsible manner, recognize for once his mistake and reconsider his last decision. If the minister is not convinced that the three opposition parties are expecting such an honest effort from him, he should demand a debate to explain that jurisdictional matter.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, the presentation of such a motion for discussion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

INDUSTRY

PROPOSED LAY-OFFS AT RCA PLANT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of extreme urgency in my constituency, namely, the loss of 300 to 400 jobs which will occur as a result of the announced closing of the RCA plant in Smiths Falls which, on a per capita basis, is even more disastrous to that community than the recent deplorable, sizeable lay-offs by Inco in Sudbury. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That in view of the fact that officials of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce have now met with the mayor and the industrial commissioner of Smiths Falls, the minister of that department make an immediate statement as to the government's views on this situation, outline what plans the government has to be of assistance, and specifically take active steps to deal with this crucial situation affecting a sizeable part of the eastern Ontario economy when he meets with the Smiths Falls municipal officials and the members of parliament from the area on Thursday morning.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for debate would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

[Mr. Gauthier (Roberval).]

HEALTH AND WELFARE

TREATMENT OF HEROIN ADDICTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Hugh A. Anderson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas a great deal of crime in the province of British Columbia is committed by those supporting a drug habit, and whereas the heroin traffic in British Columbia results in untold damage, both economically and socially, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt):

That this House supports the innovative measures being proposed by the government of British Columbia for the treatment of heroin addicts.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

HEALTH PROBLEMS CAUSED BY ASBESTOS DUST—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 concerning the strike which has been taking place for many weeks at Baie Verte, Newfoundland. In view of the health and safety conditions at Advocate Mines where the asbestos dust level is causing serious health problems, particularly for small children, and in view of the asbestos operations which if allowed to continue will, according to health authorities, cause respiratory problems and perhaps asbestosis, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House urges the minister of the environment, under the provisions of the federal Clean Air Act, to consult immediately with the provincial authorities in Newfoundland and take other immediate steps to curtail serious asbestos dust problems produced by the Advocate Mines' operation at Baie Verte.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate would require unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.