

tower, an organization of civil servants who will, supposedly, help small business.

The minister has created a new office, a new organization, in short, as we say in our part of the country, a new "rigging" of civil servants to come to the aid of owners of small businesses, to tell them what to do to go on keeping body and soul together in Canada. This new organization does not provide any more money nor any more assistance for enterprise, nor does it solve the problem of the consumption of products faced by small enterprise. These civil servants are going to try to teach the owners of small businesses the methods they should choose and apply in order for their businesses to operate efficiently.

However, Mr. Speaker, small businesses are capable of operating on their own. We have faith in small business, for that is the back-bone of our economy, despite what our friends in the New Democratic Party may think. Small business is the basis of our society, of our economy, and it needs financial assistance. Instead of appointing more civil servants, technicians, inspectors and bureaucrats, the government should instead be increasing the amount of guaranteed loans, granting favourable interest rates, and above all ensuring that the Canadian consumer has an adequate income and purchasing power to buy the products made by small business.

Mr. Speaker, that is the problem. The government would have us believe that we are living in a period of inflation; prices are rising, and no controls are being implemented. We have seen this once more in the statistics published yesterday; the great majority of consumers, in general, are stuck with fixed incomes and are unable to buy the goods that are sitting on the shelves. But while people are busy laughing at the Social Credit Party of Canada, the fact remains that private businesses in Canada keep on going bankrupt, having a hard time of it and barely eking out a living.

Mr. Speaker, I was amazed by the remarks of our friends of the Progressive Conservative Party. When they were in power, they had no more ideas than our friends of the Liberal Party to help out small businesses. Strange, when they are in the opposition they have all kinds of ideas but I know they would do no better than the Liberals if they were in their place.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by dealing with a topic that bothers me. When small businessmen from back home, as elsewhere, come to Ottawa to meet civil servants and deputy ministers to get financial help in order to expand their plants—I am speaking of small businesses generally—what do the civil servants tell them? As the act on economic expansion tends to favour large enterprises who invest at least \$50,000, they say: We are terribly sorry, but we cannot help you; your business is too small. The industrialists reply: We came here to get help to expand our plants. To which the civil servants retort: We are sorry but yours is too small a business; we cannot help you.

That is the problem of small business. It needs to be helped, encouraged, and not bothered by civil servants, inspectors and forms to fill out. It needs the help and encouragement of the government, and not the creation of another ivory tower which will add to the bureaucracy in Canada and continue to lead to the bankruptcy of small businesses.

Canada Elections Act

Mr. Speaker, like its predecessors, the government appears to be more interested in dropping the small business and favouring multinational business.

Mr. Speaker, we shall continue to fight fiercely to save the small business, and it is not because of election funds, for our party is free, as free indeed as small business itself can be.

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[English]

TRANSPORT

SUGGESTED LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE THAT RAILWAY CARS CARRYING COAL DUST BE CONSTRUCTED TO PREVENT DUST ESCAPE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the House, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. The motion arises because of the coal dust that is blowing from trains travelling from the interior of British Columbia to the Roberts Bank superport in my riding. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Roche):

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should immediately enact legislation to provide that all railway cars carrying coal dust shall be constructed in such a manner that no coal dust escapes from the car while in transit and that severe penalties are provided for any person or persons disobeying this law.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's motion is proposed under the terms under Standing Order 43. It requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not unanimous consent. The hon. member's motion cannot be put at this time.

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CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES RECEIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CANADIAN FORCES AND PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTORS IN THEIR RIDINGS

Mr. Elias Nesdoly (Meadow Lake) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-210, to amend the Canada Elections Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Nesdoly: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to amend the Canada Elections Act to provide that candidates during a general election may receive a list of the names and addresses of those Canadian Forces electors and public service electors as defined in the special voting rules who normally reside in their electoral district. At the present time the act provides only for the returning officer to receive this list, and it has not always been possible for candidates to get a copy of it.