

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 12, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### POST OFFICE

#### REQUEST FOR PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION INTO OPERATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I would like to raise a matter of extreme urgency and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that the Post Office management and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers are now in an absolute state of confrontation, as witnessed by the newspaper advertisements of yesterday, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the government move immediately to establish a parliamentary investigation of the deepening crisis in the Post Office, with authority to report back to parliament at the earliest possible date with solutions.

**Mr. Speaker:** The presentation of such a motion for debate requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### SUGGESTED EARLY TERMINATION OF THRONE SPEECH DEBATE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In light of the answer the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) gave in the House about terminating the throne speech debate at an early date to get on with economic measures, I hope that not only the government but the official opposition will agree with this motion. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House calls on the government, after consultation with the House leaders of all parties, to arrange for the early termination of the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, so that the House can consider economic measures which the government should now introduce to stimulate production and achieve economic growth.

**Mr. Speaker:** The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### ECONOMY OF MANITOBA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. As the Conference Board in Canada predicted a year ago that the Manitoba economy would experience difficulty in 1978 because of poor economic performance in the first three quarters of 1977, the NDP era, whereas the 6,000 manufacturing jobs lost in the final year of the NDP government have been regained, and whereas employment in Manitoba grew to three times the average job creation of the previous four years under the NDP, and whereas, if the NDP record had been maintained in 1978—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure the hon. member would want to relate his motion to a matter which is within the competence of this parliament.

**Mr. McKenzie:**—I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Whiteway):

That this House urge the NDP to consider eight years of NDP economic mismanagement before criticizing the record of the Lyon government.

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### FORESTRY

#### PROPOSED CLOSING OF LABORATORIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, on a matter of urgent necessity, to seek the consent of the House under Standing Order 43. In light of the fact that among the budget cuts, announced September 8 by the President of the Treasury Board, were included the closing of the Petawawa forest experiment station, the forest products laboratory in Ottawa and several important small forest stations across the country, in light of the increased interest in forestry research at a time of energy shortages and the pressing need for new sources of renewable energy, and in view of the fact that the closing of these forestry stations will mean the loss of hundreds