

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, November 2, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK

CALL FOR RESCINDING OF PENALTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, whereas many small Canadian businesses have their backs against the wall as a result of the government's mismanagement of the economy and the Liberal high interest rate policy, and whereas often these businesses are being forced to rationalize and liquidate assets used as collateral for Federal Business Development Bank loans, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm):

That the high penalty charged by FDBD on the early retirement of loans be rescinded to aid those businesses already forced to the brink of bankruptcy by the inept economic policies of the Liberal government.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSING

ASSISTANCE SOUGHT FOR HOME OWNERS IN PETERBOROUGH AREA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, later today I will present a petition to the House signed by no fewer than 32 residents of the Peterborough area who are in very grave danger of losing their homes through foreclosure. These are not merely 32 mortgage numbers to be added to the list already prepared by the minister, they are 32 families, and when you foreclose you take away not only their shelter but also their dreams, plans and sense of place in Canadian society where honest work used to mean a just and fair reward.

Under Standing Order 43 I move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That the help promised in the Minister of Finance's budget be announced and put into effect immediately.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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METRIC CONVERSION

CALL FOR REVERSAL OF GOVERNMENT POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, in that the forced implementation of metric across Canada will add an estimated half billion dollars to grocery bills because of the cost of converting to imported scales, and will seriously affect resource industries, farming and ranching, and will jeopardize trading patterns with the United States, I move, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm):

That the Minister of Finance consult with his colleagues before the introduction of his budget to learn fully the negative impact metric conversion will have on the over-all economy, and reverse the government's position on the implementation of the metric system.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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LABOUR DISPUTES

WABCO LTD.—IMPORTATION OF PARTS DURING STRIKE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That the government review all of the terms and conditions currently in existence which permit WABCO Ltd. to import into Canada air brakes from their U.S. operations during the prolonged labour dispute which has resulted in a strike and, furthermore, that action be taken to protect Canadian workers who are exercising their legal right from having their position undermined by subsidiaries of U.S. companies, such as WABCO, which, while refusing to bargain in good faith, replace their Canadian-made products with a product manufactured by them in plants outside this country.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?