

S.O. 43

Mr. Lang: Madam Speaker, I think we are at a crossroads in Canadian history at this time—

Some hon. Members: It is too late.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I am awfully sorry that I did not see the hon. member rising before the motion was passed. Once it is passed, of course there is no point in debating it. So, I recognize the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong).

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DISARMAMENT

SUGGESTION UNITED NATIONS HOLD GLOBAL REFERENDUM—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Every day ten nuclear bombs are manufactured. There now exists enough destructive nuclear power to kill every human being some 20 to 60 times over. The nuclear powers are now developing strategies based on the notion that "limited" nuclear wars can be fought and won. A major new initiative for peace is needed. A global referendum on disarmament would focus human attention on this single issue and would create a collective human voice so unique in the history of our race that it would echo in the hearts and minds of all people. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That this House instruct the Secretary of State for External Affairs to move a motion at the United Nations General Assembly calling for a global referendum on disarmament.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

INCREASE IN PREMIUMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. On October 28 the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) announced a 33 per cent increase in unemployment insurance premiums. The Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) confirmed this figure the following day. The fact is that in every wage level but one the increases were higher—most over 40 per cent and some up to 46 per cent. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Parry Sound-Muskoka (Mr. Darling):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration make a statement on motions setting out the full truth about the new rates and their impact on Canadian workers.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

CALL FOR SPEEDY ACTION ON MEAT IMPORT LEGISLATION—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas live cattle prices have dropped significantly since the beginning of 1981, causing uncertainty among cattle producers; whereas the cattle industry has long advocated a beef import law to protect both producers and consumers against wide fluctuations in markets; and since the Standing Committee on Agriculture has not yet met during 1981, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson):

That this House instruct the government House leader to consult with the Minister of Agriculture so that Bill C-46, the meat import law, be referred to the House Standing Committee on Agriculture as soon as possible in order that this important legislation be passed post haste.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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KENT ROYAL COMMISSION

USE OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY FOR CARTOON PRIZES—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. It was my understanding that the purpose of the commission on newspapers, the Kent Royal Commission, was to investigate the conduct of two newspaper chains which were responsible for literally killing two newspapers in this country and virtually carving up the country into spheres of monopoly control—not to squander the money of Canadian taxpayers. Evidently I was mistaken, Madam Speaker. In light of the fact the commission has set up a competition in which it is offering \$1,600 in prize money for cartoons to be used ultimately in the commission's report, and which undoubtedly will be slanted in favour of the commission's views, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That the commission provide the Parliament of Canada with the terms of reference which authorize it to engage in such extravagant behaviour at the expense of Canadian taxpayers' money; moreover, if the commission persists in carrying on with this competition, that the prize money be deducted from the substantial per diem rate of the members of the commission.