

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, April 28, 1978

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1107)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FINANCE

STUDY OF FINANCIAL SITUATION BY HOUSE COMMITTEE—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to raise a matter of urgency. In view of the announcement by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) that the government is borrowing 1.5 billion marks through the Deutschbank—the third large borrowing or credit arrangement in two months, for a total of \$5 billion—along with rumours that further borrowing will be required to maintain the Canadian dollar at its current rate, and in view of the fact that this extraordinary borrowing is mortgaging the next generation of Canadians to such an extent that they may not be able to carry the financial load, bearing in mind that government debt already costs \$6.5 billion annually, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie):

That the Minister of Finance request the governor of the Bank of Canada to appear before the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs immediately to inform hon. members what the financial situation is and how many more loans will be needed this fiscal year.

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

REQUEST GOVERNMENT REIMBURSE QUEBEC FOR SALES TAX—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

In view of the fact that the Quebec National Assembly, including the Liberal party, have agreed that the federal government should reimburse Quebec for its selective sales tax cuts, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the House direct the government to accept the advice of the National Assembly and reimburse the province of Quebec for its selective sales tax cuts.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF MCDONALD COMMISSION—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the body of evidence which has now been placed before the McDonald commission with respect to criminal activity by the RCMP, in view of the limited mandate given to the commission, one which contains no specific reference to recommendations for the laying of charges, and in view of the delay which may take place before the report of the commission is received, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That the Solicitor General amend the terms of reference of the royal commission to provide that a specific mandate be provided to the commission as follows:

"The commission shall make recommendations to the appropriate law enforcement officials of charges to be laid forthwith when prima facie evidence of violations of the Criminal Code comes before them."

Mr. Speaker: Presentation of such a motion for discussion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.