

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, July 12, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PROPOSED FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH
UNEMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity related to the unacceptable, frightening and shocking figures on unemployment released this date. Given the fact that, including the hidden jobless, this country now faces an actual unemployment rate of 11.5 per cent, or in other words over 1.3 million Canadians are out of work which in effect costs this country \$17 million a day in lost GNP and \$6 million a day in unemployment insurance, I move, seconded by the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens):

That the Prime Minister immediately take steps to convene a first ministers' conference to deal with the critical problems of high unemployment and unsatisfactory real growth, hopefully to reverse the banana republic-like image this country presently enjoys.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion can be presented only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

SUGGESTED INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUDGET CONTAINING
PROVISIONS TO CREATE JOBS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of today's unemployment statistics showing unemployment levels having risen from last month's crisis levels and that employment in manufacturing has dropped 2.5 per cent in the past year yet government waste continues, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria (Mr. McKinnon):

That the government create jobs and lessen unemployment by introducing a new budget which should include income tax cuts for low and middle income earners to help stimulate demand for goods and services and in addition it should include a cut in federal sales taxes, particularly building supplies, to help stimulate demand for housing and thus create jobs in the construction and related industries.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

PROPOSED FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ON JOB CREATION—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, in view of the continuing serious problem of unemployment in all regions of Canada illustrated by a further rise in the seasonal unemployment figures, and given the fact that the June labour force statistics show a decrease in the labour force, in employment and in the participation rate, all of which reflect the growing problem of hidden unemployment with Canadians giving up looking for non-existent jobs, and in view of most economic forecasts indicating that the present level of unemployment will continue throughout 1977 and into 1978, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House calls upon the government to hold a federal-provincial first Ministers' conference on job creation to be followed by a new federal budget aimed at reducing the high level of unemployment in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Such a motion can be presented for debate only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

FINANCE

SUGGESTION BANK OF CANADA MAKES LOANS TO PROVINCES
AND MUNICIPALITIES AT ADMINISTRATIVE COST—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Considering that the Bank of Canada is not fulfilling its role, which is to control credit on the basis of the economic needs of the nation; that the Islamic Bank of Development established by 29 Islamic states has applied the concept of the