

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, March 19, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

• (1105)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE ECONOMY

INFLATION RATE IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough):** Figures released today by Statistics Canada reveal that Charlottetown and Summerside, Prince Edward Island, suffered the highest cost of living increase in the entire Atlantic region in February, 1982, compared to the same month last year. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Malpeque (Mr. Gass):

That the Department of Finance investigate the factors that have caused P.E.I. to have such an alarmingly high rate of inflation, which in recent years has consistently been among the worst in the country.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### HUMAN RIGHTS

RELEASE FROM EXILE OF SOVIET CITIZEN, IDA NUDEL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Madam Speaker, given that this House passed a motion on June 23, 1978, concerning the sentencing of the Soviet dissident, Ida Nudel, and given that her release from Siberian exile is slated for March 20 of this year, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Eglinton-Lawrence (Mr. de Corneille):

That in light of Ida Nudel's anticipated release from Siberian exile, on March 20, 1982, the House of Commons urge Soviet authorities to make arrangements so that Ida Nudel can be released directly from exile in Siberia to join her only living relative, her sister in Israel.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Madam Speaker:** Does the House agree to the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

## FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS

ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS FINANCING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) intends to table his equalization and Established Programs Financing proposals today. This is both a unilateral and a grossly precipitous action given that the provinces first heard of the latest equalization proposals only at the recent first ministers' meeting. On top of this the Minister of Finance seems to be stubbornly going ahead with the cutbacks in health care and post-secondary education. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans):

That this House instruct the Liberal Party to reconsider its abandonment of co-operative federalism, get a new leader who believes in it, and extend the present fiscal arrangements until such time as the federal-provincial process has been given a chance to work on this issue.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

DESIGNATION OF MARCH 21 AS AFGHANISTAN DAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Maurice Dupras (Labelle):** Merci, madame le Président. March 21 is the day on which the people of Afghanistan have traditionally celebrated the beginning of a new year. As that date approaches, we recall that Afghanistan was invaded by Soviet forces in December, 1979, an invasion condemned by the Government of Canada as a breach of the principles of the United Nations charter and a violation of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of a United Nations member.

The House of Commons continues to be deeply distressed by the suffering and hardship which the Afghanistan people are experiencing under foreign occupation, including the bombing of innocent civilian populations, the destruction of the homes and the means of livelihood of these people. Therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle):