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element of fairness in the tax system. I, therefore, move, seconded by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone):

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That this House direct the government that it should not in any way interfere with the indexing of personal income taxes, and if it needs measures to reduce its unmanageable debt it should introduce appropriate, honest fiscal measures and desist from its apparent intention to remove from the tax system the index for inflation.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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POST OFFICE

MOSCOW OLYMPIC GAMES—PROTEST AGAINST ISSUANCE OF
COMMEMORATIVE STAMP—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bruce Lonsdale (Timiskaming): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a motion which I hope will gain the unanimous consent of the House.

Whereas the Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) has confirmed that the previous Conservative government had approved plans to introduce a 35-cent stamp to commemorate the Moscow games this year, and whereas this government and many others have combined to boycott the Moscow games as a result of the U.S.S.R.'s invasion of Afghanistan, and whereas any action or gesture that might detract from the boycott's objective should not be pursued, I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Sudbury (Mr. Frith):

That this House recommend to the Postmaster General that all and any plans to issue a stamp to commemorate the Moscow games be immediately terminated.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

INVESTIGATION INTO COSTS OF METRIC CONVERSION—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing national necessity regarding false and misleading practices of the Metric Commission in implementing conversion to the metric standard of weights and measures.

The Canadian Metric Commission has advised municipal fire departments that conversion to metric can be accomplished at a cost of \$5 per pumper—the cost of applying decals to the vehicle. In fact, according to fire officials the cost can run to as much as \$13,000 per pumper, including hoses and connections but not taking into account the cost of changing fire hydrants.

In view of information provided by the Metric Commission being inaccurate and grossly misleading, and the actual costs to municipal fire departments being prohibitive in many cases, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cambridge (Mr. Speyer):

That a moratorium on the implementation of the metric conversion program be declared until the true costs are established and answers given as to whether metric conversion will result in better fire and rescue service, and will save more lives and more property, and whether or not litres of water will flow faster through metric hose.

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

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS

STATUS OF MANITOBA FOUNDATION FOR CANADIAN STUDIES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

In view of the fact that Revenue Canada has revoked the status of the Manitoba Foundation for Canadian Studies, publishers of "Canadian Dimension", as a charitable foundation, and in view of the fact that this unprecedented action constitutes a very serious threat to freedom of speech in Canada in attempting to make an unworkable distinction between education and promotion of a particular ideology, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That this House call upon the Minister of National Revenue to reverse this ill-advised decision and forthwith restore to the publishers of "Canadian Dimension", the Manitoba Foundation for Canadian Studies, its status as a charitable foundation.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.