

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 20, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE PRIME MINISTER

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin):** Madam Speaker, one of the Prime Minister's former finance ministers, Mr. John Turner, was recently quoted as saying that "the Prime Minister, when conflict arose, frequently did not support his minister of finance or president of treasury on expenditure restraint."

In view of the fact that the sixfold increase in government spending since 1968 has been frequently cited as a prime cause of inflation and that the inflation rate has in fact increased from four per cent in 1968, when the Prime Minister took office, to a staggering 12.5 per cent now, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the Liberal caucus wrestle the Prime Minister from office rather than subject Canada to his further pathetic economic efforts as well as to his obviously poor choice of Finance Minister.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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**Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown):** Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister today celebrates his 14th anniversary in office.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. McDermid:** I notice he is the only one wearing a rose. Normally everyone else over there wears one on such an anniversary. He can celebrate, but the rest of Canada cannot. Since his arrival on the scene we have seen the unemployment rate rise from 4.5 per cent to 9.2 per cent and, if we include the hidden unemployed, that rate is actually 13 per cent. Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister has been quoted as saying that he does not intend to retire while the economy is ailing, and he has said that "it certainly wasn't the government's intention to

create unemployment". If in fact he believes that, "the most dangerous thing for the social fabric of a country is when there are a lot of people out of work", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Prime Minister rightfully take the credit for our economic situation and unemployment rate and tender his resignation.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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**Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough):** Madam Speaker, when the Prime Minister took office in 1968, the home mortgage rate was a mere 9.1 per cent. After 14 years of economic mismanagement under his leadership, the mortgage rate is now more than twice as high, 18.5 per cent. Last summer the rate skyrocketed to well over 20 per cent, the highest in Canadian economic history. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Cooper):

That this House condemn the Prime Minister for embracing policies that have forced many Canadians either to abandon their homes or their dream of ever owning a home.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

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CONGRATULATIONS TO PRIME MINISTER ON FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Thomas H. Lefebvre (Pontiac-Gatineau-Labelle):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. I would like to draw the attention of all members of this House and of all Canadians to the fact that today is the fourteenth anniversary of the swearing-in of the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) as Prime Minister of Canada—