

EMPLOYMENT

CALL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF JOB-CREATION STRATEGIES—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion, under Standing Order 43, of national, urgent and pressing economic necessity. Whereas the chief effect of this government's economic policies to date has been a net reduction in private sector real job creation of 75 per cent in one year, and whereas this morning's announcement of support for those communities hardest hit by industrial layoffs, while welcome, will solve only a very small part of the problem, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes):

That this House instruct the government to convene immediately a national conference of representatives of business, labour and government to develop job-creation strategies never more urgently needed for Canada than now.

Madam Speaker: Presentation of this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXCISE TAX ACT

CALL FOR AMENDMENT OF SECTION 45—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas there are 29 health units in Alberta, and whereas there are a considerable number of first-aid stations and nursing units throughout Canada, all of which provide essential services including preventative health services, emergency first-aid services and ongoing medical assistance; and whereas under section 45 of the Excise Tax Act the units do not qualify for exemption from federal sales tax as bona fide public institutions, therefore, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That this House give consideration to changing the eligibility criteria under section 45 of the Excise Tax Act in order to allow exemption of these units as soon as possible.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Oral Questions

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

IRAN—INQUIRY RESPECTING POSSIBLE LIFTING OF ECONOMIC
SANCTIONS

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. It concerns the imminent release of the American hostages in Iran. Could the Prime Minister indicate to this House when and under what conditions he is prepared to lift the economic sanctions imposed by Canadian governments against the Islamic Republic of Iran?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Madam Speaker, we now have an agreement between the government of Iran and the government of the United States. To the best of our information, the hostages have not as yet taken off from Tehran airport. Since we said the sanctions would be imposed during the period of flouting of international law, I will certainly be recommending to my colleagues that we remove the sanctions relatively quickly. In Canada, unlike some other countries, it requires legislative action because it took legislative action to impose the sanctions. Therefore, I believe we will have to have legislation in the House to do that.

Mr. Clark: Madam Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs will want to check all aspects of that answer to be sure that he was not inadvertently in error in part of it.

IRAN—INQUIRY RESPECTING POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF FULL
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, let me, therefore, direct a policy question to the Prime Minister. Could the Prime Minister indicate when and under what conditions he would, as the head of the government, intend to resume normal and full diplomatic relations with Iran?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I really cannot add anything to what the Secretary of State for External Affairs has already said. The policy we adopted at the time of the hostage taking, first by the right hon. gentleman's government and then by mine, was in the context of putting pressure on Iran to release the hostages. It would be my thinking, and it is also the thinking of the Secretary of State for External Affairs judging by his answer, that when the hostages have been evacuated from Iran, which, incidentally, they have not yet been, we should then move toward a normalization of relations with Iran as soon as possible.