HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 28, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INCOME TAX

PROPOSED ADVANCE PAYMENT BY FISHERMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Madam Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In the November 12 budget the government served notice that it intends to confiscate a portion of fishermen's catches as an advance payment of income tax when they sell their catch. This Saturday, May 1, the lobster season opens on Prince Edward Island, and fishermen are still very upset with the idea of having a portion of their catch confiscated. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That this House instructs the Minister of National Revenue and the Minister of Finance to withdraw this mandatory measure immediately.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

FINANCE

CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUDGET—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, the evidence is clear. The startling facts from the Conference Board of Canada today should put an end to the myth that government economic policies are working—75 per cent of business executives say that it is a bad time to invest; 32 per cent are not proceeding with previously-announced investments; working people who get a meagre \$200 tax cut are paying four times that amount with new hidden taxes on health and dental plans and energy taxes; and there are countless other real life examples. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington):

That the Minister of Finance immediately announce a withdrawal of his disastrous November 12, 1981 budget and not wait until fall for his new budget as announced by the Minister of Justice, but introduce one immediately, one

which will be positive, promote development of Canada, and encourage full-time meaningful jobs for the 1,200,000 unemployed and those thousands of students presently coming into the work force.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

FUNDING OF PROPOSED METROPOLITAN TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the federal government's commitment of some \$19 million toward the construction of a proposed Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre, about which many serious questions have been raised concerning its design, its operating costs, and the irregular manner in which it was processed through local government, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brant (Mr. Blackburn):

That this House direct the government to withhold the payment of any moneys toward the development of the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre until such times as a full financial cost benefit and impact analysis is undertaken and full public hearings have been held to determine the advisability of this particular structure.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

AGRICULTURE

CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL MEAT MARKETING PLAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that red meat industry producers in Canada are still experiencing an ever-increasing life and death struggle for survival with no meaningful relief in sight, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That the Minister of Agriculture now take the necessary steps to introduce for the short term a meaningful national stabilization program, to be followed in the long term by a national marketing and supply management program which