

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, April 21, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE ECONOMY

CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF PROGRAMS TO INSTIL
CONFIDENCE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, there is not a Canadian today who is not being affected by the serious economic recession in the country. The escalating collapse of our business base, the alarming rise in unemployment, a crippling increase in the cost of consumer goods and services, harshly punitive interest rates, and the indifferent attitude of this government toward its wasteful spending habits have all contributed to the tragic mess we are in today. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby):

That the government use its power, not simply as a means to rule and control arrogantly, but to govern in such a manner that it addresses the real and immediate needs of the people by developing programs with a sense of purpose and direction which will instil confidence in the public and in all sectors of the economy.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING

SUGGESTED REALLOCATION OF FUNDS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, the recent news that the Department of Employment and Immigration has earmarked \$5 million for an advertising campaign to convince Canadians that the economy as a whole is working, when the reality is that unemployment is at the highest level since 1940, is an insult to the intelligence of Canadians and a slap in the face to those 1.2 million Canadians unemployed as a result of the government's disastrous fiscal and monetary policy. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath):

That, if the government is going to spend the \$5 million, it would be better to invest it in job training for the unemployed, instead of wasting it on another attempt by this floundering government to sell itself to the voters with the taxpayers' dollars.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

FUEL COMPENSATION RECOVERY CHARGE—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, the National Energy Program continues to drive Canadian business south of the border. We have recently learned that British Columbia companies are buying their fuel in the United States at a saving of 30 cents per gallon and that some Great Lakes shippers have called for tenders from the United States. Whereas the National Energy Program's export fuel tax is in part responsible for giving the United States the competitive edge on marine fuel prices, and whereas the government has promised flexibility on this tax, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz):

That the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources remove altogether the transportation fuel compensation recovery charge before the United States becomes Canada's number one supplier of marine fuel.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ARGENTINA—CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CANDU
TECHNICIANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Madam Speaker, I rise to present a motion under Standing Order 43. Whereas in answer to my question posed on Monday the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources clearly did not understand the Candu reactor's unique on-line refuelling process and the fact that the spent fuel containing the plutonium can be removed from the reactor core, chemically changed, and diverted for military purposes at any time; and in view of the fact that in its desperation to sell Candu reactors the Canadian government is