

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

DESIGNATION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AS ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that the Supreme Court of Canada has today ruled that the government has the right to designate an overwhelming percentage of the membership of the Canadian Air Traffic Controllers' Association as essential, and in view of the fact that that action effectively removes the right to strike for that group of public employees as well as stripping them of their real bargaining power, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That this House condemns the government for its backdoor Ronald Reagan labour policies and calls on the government to cease this continued vicious attack on the men and women who serve the people of Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

CONDEMNATION OF PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, the government has given entirely new dimensions to the terms "deserving Liberals", "political patronage", and "appointment by merit". The CNR, the CBC, the CTC, virtually all federal institutions, now have come to be seen by those opposite, Madam Speaker, not for appointing the best men and women to fill the positions but for appointing their political cronies. There has perhaps been no government in Canadian history, federal or provincial, that is worse than this government in that regard. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro):

That the Tammany Hall and Huey Long award of merit for incorruptible government be awarded to those opposite, to be presented to the Prime Minister at Versailles later this week at the home of King Louis XIV, the Sun King.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Oral Questions

BANKRUPTCIES

INCREASE IN NUMBERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, whereas bankruptcies in the Province of British Columbia are up by 48.3 per cent, and in mid-May national total bankruptcies were 3,651, up from 2,000 last year, and whereas the debt incurred from the bankruptcies already this year is approximately \$627.8 million, double last year's figure, I move:

That this House recognizes that the Minister of Finance in his budget has completely destroyed the operation of small business in Canada and that the Minister of Employment and Immigration has now achieved the record of putting more people out of work than the government can create in job-creation programs.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

SMALL BUSINESS

FINANCING REVIEW—PRIORITIES AND NEEDS

Hon. Ron Huntington (Capilano): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism. The minister has spent \$1.2 million directly and a little over \$800,000 in indirect expenditures on a small business financing review which has been under way for over two years. From twelve major reports he has produced a 77-page overview which, apart from the business sector profile of clusters, is probably the most poverty-stricken report in terms of conclusions ever produced by the Government of Canada.

As the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism has had access to the 12 reports for some time, can he tell us what are the priority issues and needs of the business community in Canada?

[Translation]

Hon. Charles Lapointe (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)): Madam Speaker, I have already explained to the House that after reading the reports prepared by various university experts and consultants' firms, I felt it was necessary to analyse the conclusions drawn in these reports with the small business sector itself and with a group of people across the country who could perhaps help me to find new perspectives or confirm existing ones with respect to policies on small businesses. As far as the figures quoted by the hon. member are concerned, when I said that the cost involved