

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, February 8, 1982

The House met at 2 p.m.

• (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

HEALTH

STUDY URGED OF RADIATION EXPOSURE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Twenty-five hundred Canadians were exposed to atomic radiation while employed in federal government projects, such as the conducting of nuclear weapons tests in Nevada and the accident cleanup at Chalk River in 1958. The cancer rate in this group has been determined at six times the national average.

I move, seconded by the hon. member for Haldimand-Norfolk (Mr. Bradley):

That this House instruct the Minister of National Health and Welfare to authorize immediately an impartial, in-depth study, to determine if this exceptionally high rate of cancer is attributable to radiation exposure, and that, since many of the victims are veterans, the results of that study, including the question of compensation, be referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs for report and recommendation.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[Translation]

THE ECONOMY

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO STIMULATE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND CREATE EMPLOYMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the House to extend our congratulations to the two ministers and the eight members of east central Montreal who had the courage to write to their leader and urge him to admit that the economic situation, which they created themselves, is disastrous, and that the time has come to cope with the alarming problem of unemployment. I there-

fore move, seconded by the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle):

That if those ten Liberal members fail to convince the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) that he ought to establish immediately a genuine program to stimulate housing construction, and a genuine job-creation program for youths under age 25 rather than a mere snow job on unemployment, I therefore suggest that if those ministers and members are not heard they should resign and thus prove that they are more concerned over the interests of their voters than those of their party.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

POLITICAL PARTIES

STATEMENT MADE BY MEMBER FOR BROADVIEW-GREENWOOD—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Madam Speaker, in a blatant attempt to portray the Progressive Conservative Party as a party of white Anglo-Saxons, the member from Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae), on Friday last made the following statement:

"You won't see a black or hear the French language... or the Italian language in Toryland".

Whereas Tories such as the Berniers, Pianes, Yaremkos, La Salles, Baetz, Alexanders, Grossmans, Brunelles, Yakabuskis, Colbacchins, Shymkos, Leluks, Mazankowskis, Villeneuves, Paproskis, just a few proud members of the PC party, whose support is a primary cause of the demise of the New Democratic Party in Ontario, take great exception to that statement, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald):

That this House condemns the newly anointed Ontario leader of the NDP for his obvious racist remarks against members and supporters of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.