

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, July 21, 1977

The House met at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

PROPOSED FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. In view of the recent report of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development which predicts gloomy economic prospects until at least mid-June 1978, and more specifically, in view of its forecast saying that business investment will remain weak, the gross national product will rise about 3 per cent, unemployment will remain high and heavy inflation will continue, and in view of the OECD's prediction that economic recovery could accelerate in the first quarter of 1978 if there is an upturn in real disposable income and personal consumption, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. O'Sullivan):

That the Prime Minister immediately convene a first ministers' conference to specifically deal with the problems of real growth, inflation, and high unemployment and as soon as possible thereafter cause a new budget to be introduced which provides for at least tax cuts for low and middle income wage earners.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House for the presentation of such motion. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Paproski: Jungle Jim Trudeau said no.

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PROPOSED SITE FOR DEBATE ON NORTHERN PIPELINE—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, I rise, under Standing Order 43, to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity. Given the direct effects of the Mackenzie Valley pipeline on northern Alberta, the fact that it will cross a portion of my constituency and that this Chamber will not be available for the debate planned in August, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale):

That the debate which parliament plans to hold be held in a suitable place in northern Alberta, preferably in the town of Lac-la-Biche.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The presentation of such motion requires unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, MacEachen said no.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

SUGGESTED APOLOGY BY CABINET MINISTERS FOR
ALLEGATIONS OF BIAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Symes (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion which I hope hon. members opposite will accept, they being honourable men and women. In view of the CRTC finding that the CBC is not guilty of pro-separatist bias, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas):

That this House instruct the Cabinet ministers who accused the CBC of such bias to apologize publicly to the CBC for their unfounded charges.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Such motion can be presented for debate pursuant to the Standing Order only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Paproski: Ouellet said no.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY TO DETERMINE PROMOTIONAL
OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNILINGUAL FRENCH-SPEAKING
PERSONNEL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I ask for the unanimous consent of the House to move a motion dealing with an important matter of pressing necessity.

Considering that the government was supposed to establish French units within the federal administration; that difficulties