

VETERANS AFFAIRS

LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE PENSIONS BEFORE SUMMER RECESS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That this House agrees not to adjourn for a summer recess until the promised legislation respecting veterans and their survivors has been introduced, passed by both Houses, and given royal assent.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Such a motion would require the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

DELAY IN FEDERAL FUNDING OF PROJECTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the terms of Standing Order 43.

In light of this government's stated commitment to put people first and to expand its employment program for young people, and because at least five summer youth employment programs in the Peterborough riding have not received their promised federal funding six weeks after their programs began—a delay that is causing great financial difficulty for many young people and has greatly diminished the effectiveness of these programs—I move, seconded by the hon. member for Victoria-Haliburton (Mr. Scott):

That this government be condemned for its tardiness in meeting payroll commitments, and that the minister responsible for employment and immigration immediately implement a system that will guarantee the issuance of cheques for future student employment projects within a reasonable length of time.

Madam Speaker: 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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CANADA DAY

PERSONS REQUIRED TO WORK ON JULY 1—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. A number of companies and businesses disregarded our national holiday yesterday and showed disrespect for Canada and Dominion

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Day by giving their employees Monday, June 30, as a holiday and expecting them to work on July 1. No other nation in the world would permit such disrespect for its heritage.

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While it may be convenient for some just to have another long weekend, surely Canada is more important than a Monday off. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis):

That this House express its total dissatisfaction with those companies and businesses which elected to operate and carry on as usual on July 1, and that this House direct the government to alter the provisions of Bill C-37 to make employment of persons other than those in absolutely essential businesses illegal on Canada Day as expressed in that bill.

Madam Speaker: 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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INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE

VENICE SUMMIT—DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Madam Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. It relates to the Venice Summit discussions. I presume that the Prime Minister will be making a statement on motions some time later, but pending that I wish to put a question to him relating to the Venice meetings.

During the Summit the Prime Minister had the opportunity to meet with President Carter, at which time he undoubtedly discussed some of the important problems of a bilateral nature between our two countries. One of these of considerable concern is the Buy America program. The problems in this particular area have been compounded recently by the announcement by New York state authorities imposing controls on imports of steel.

In view of the substantial trade deficit between Canada and the United States, did the Prime Minister seek and receive any assurance from the president that Canadian exporters might receive some relief from the provisions of the Buy America regulations? I ask this question particularly because of the substantial increase in the trade deficit between our two countries in the first four months of this year.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, in the meeting I had with President Carter I discussed several subjects of bilateral concern, but I did not raise this one.