S.O. 43

HUMAN RIGHTS

SOUTH AFRICA—CALL FOR RELEASE OF PERSONS DETAINED WITHOUT LAYING OF CHARGES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Recently Dr. Neil Agget died while being held by South African police. His so-called offence was simply that of organizing workers to obtain humane wages and working conditions. He was the forty-sixth person to die in detention since 1963, the most prominent recent example being that of Steve Biko in 1978. There are hundreds now being held without charge by South African police.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Spadina (Mr. Heap):

That the government urge upon the South African government the immediate release of all those held without charge under various repressive laws in South Africa.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

CHANGING OF ANNOUNCED OPPOSITION DAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, whereas yesterday hon. members of all parties in this House were the victims of a new form of cabinet-invented closure, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Fennell):

That this House condemn the government House leader who denied the people of Canada, through their elected Members of Parliament, the opportunity to express their confidence, or lack of it, in the Minister of Finance and his budget.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ECONOMY

SUGGESTION MINISTERS URGE CHANGES IN BUDGET PROVISIONS AFFECTING REAL ESTATE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Wright (Calgary North): Madam Speaker, the Canadian Real Estate Association has stated that the budget discourages take-back mortgages thereby discriminating against the small Canadian investor. The shift in Canadian real estate ownership will be toward large corporations which have pools of capital, or toward foreign investors who may apply interest expense against income in their own countries. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Huron-Bruce (Mr. Cardiff):

That the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Minister of State urge the Minister of Finance to introduce further amendments to the budget as it affects real estate, and thereby make it more attractive to the small Canadian investor, both as an investment and as a provision for retirement years.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

MINES AND MINING

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TRAINING COURSES FOR YOUNG MINERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, the Mining Association of Canada and many other experts have predicted that by 1985 there will be a severe shortage of several thousand skilled mine workers which will largely arise because of the major coal and oil sands projects slated for western Canada. However, Canadian mining companies are presently laying off hundreds of their youngest employees who are low on the seniority scale because of the current economic depression. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Western Arctic (Mr. Nickerson):

That the Minister of State for Mines, in collaboration with her colleague, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, be requested to implement immediately an emergency training program so that, instead of sitting around with nothing to do, young mine workers might be placed in accelerated skills-training courses under the supervision of experienced mine workers at their present places of employment, and that UIC benefits normally payable to those young persons be used to finance the cost of such training.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE SENATE

APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN AS SENATORS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of importance under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that February 14 is the fifty-second anniversary of the appointment of the first woman to the Senate, Mrs. Cairine Wilson, appointed February 14, 1930, and in view of the fact that only 18 other women have been appointed since then, or 2.7 per cent of the 702 Senators who