

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, December 3, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

MOTIONS UNDER S.O. 43

[English]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

INCREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, in the single month of November an additional 55,000 jobs have been lost in Canada. There are now officially 1,438,000 Canadians who are out of work. Therefore I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That this House has absolutely no confidence in the Liberals' handling of the economy and condemns the Liberals' six and five policy of fighting inflation through massive unemployment.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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CRIMINAL CODE

NECESSITY TO CONTROL PORNOGRAPHIC ENTERPRISES

Mr. Fred King (Okanagan-Similkameen): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgency. Citizen outrage in British Columbia against the spreading pornographic industry was evidenced by the fire bombing of three Red Hot video sales outlets. Less dramatic, but of equal intensity, is the citizen protest in smaller centres such as Penticton in Okanagan-Similkameen which are experiencing the extension of this unworthy business into their communities. Inasmuch as the struggle for decency in society is national and not just municipal, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Cariboo-Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway):

That this House urge the Attorney General of Canada to meet with provincial counterparts to develop legislation which will represent the people's interests in eliminating this indecent trade, and relieve municipal councils of the burden of attempting to control pornographic enterprises without the backing of law.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

POLITICAL PARTIES

ABSENCE OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS FROM CHAMBER

Mr. Lyle S. Kristiansen (Kootenay West): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter that is of pressing importance. Last night the Official Opposition Tory Members of the "Liberal Lifesaving Squad", this time 31 of the 101 PC MPs, stayed away from a vote again, thus preserving the life of the Government by allowing the Liberals to float by with a 27 vote margin and ensuring that most Canadian senior citizens will suffer a loss in real incomes as a result of Bill C-131's "deep sixing" of the aged. In recognition of these continuing PC efforts, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton):

That the Prime Minister publicly thank the PCs for saving his Liberal Government from defeat, and further, that he ask his Tory "Lifesavers" whether their repeated absenteeism and Liberal support is due to the fact that Tories love the Prime Minister more or love their own leader less.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

NEED FOR MEASURES TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, since the presentation of the budget of November, 1981, the number of people out of work for six months or more, that is the long term unemployed, has risen 124 per cent, and the total measured unemployed now nears the 1.5 million mark. The Government's response to this has been to attempt to create 60,000 short term jobs for these long term unemployed while sacrificing an undisclosed number of permanent jobs in the process. Inasmuch as the depth of winter is a particularly bad time for the unemployed, and that the Government has repeatedly stated that methods to improve the situation will be taken only in its projected spring budget, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Prince Edward-Hastings (Mr. Ellis):

That this House request the Minister to bring forward measures now not only to address the problems of the winter unemployed but also to convince the Canadian public that we who sit in this place do have their welfare at heart in a way that is more than crassly political.