

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday March, 18, 1977

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

LACK OF JOB CREATION PROGRAMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity with regard to the over one million unemployed persons of this country. Figures released by Statistics Canada indicate a 21 per cent decline in the job vacancy rate from November 1976 to February 1977, a 21 per cent decline in the chances of finding work for over one million Canadians. I move, therefore, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander):

That the House strongly condemn this government's lack of effective job creation programs to correct the human tragedy of those thousands of Canadians currently seeking employment for whom no job is available.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion for debate pursuant to the Standing Order must be done with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRANSPORT

SUGGESTED CHANGE IN LICENSING LEGISLATION TO PREVENT USE OF OLD AND INADEQUATE SHIPS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to move a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43. In view of the impending lay-off of up to 1,000 workers at the Collingwood shipyards, and in view of the catastrophic economic effect this will have on the workers and their families and the entire town of Collingwood, and in view of the fact that the major reasons for the impending wholesale lay-off relates to inadequate federal government policy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House urge the government to bring in legislation which would prevent licensing old and inadequate ships, originally sold for scrap, to be used in Canadian waters, which would encourage the construction of new vessels, avoid lay-offs and stimulate employment for Canadian shipyards.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion pursuant to the Standing Order can only be done with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST THAT AIRBORNE REGIMENT BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN EDMONTON—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move under Standing Order 43 a motion on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, a motion which has to do with national unity. Men and women in high places, military men, provincial and civic leaders and the general public in Alberta have been trying to make their voices heard for about a year to justify the massive expenditures involved in moving and re-establishing the Canadian airborne regiment. I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Edmonton East (Mr. Skoreyko):

That this House demands at a time when national unity is being strained, this regiment, made up of easterners and westerners, French and English-speaking Canadians, all living together, working together, raising their families together in a location which might be considered neutral ground, a fine example of the varied cultures co-existing and collectively serving Canada without bias or prejudice, be allowed to remain in Edmonton.

I would hope that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) would not say no to this motion.

Mr. Speaker: The presentation of such a motion cannot be done without the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

ALLEGED VIOLATION OF GUIDELINES BY BELL CANADA IN GRANTING SALARY INCREASES TO EXECUTIVES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the motion which I wish to make under Standing Order 43 is one which the Minister of Finance (Mr. Macdonald) may wish to second. In any case, I hope it will have the support of