

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SUGGESTED STUDY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND PIPELINE PROJECT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas a group of companies have proposed construction of a fertilizer plant, methanol, and petrochemicals and possibly LNG facilities associated with the northern route pipeline to Vancouver Island, whereas this northern route project would create between 1,000 and 2,500 jobs directly in that area, and whereas the B.C. government by cabinet order has chosen an alternative which will make extremely poor utilization of the resource at high cost to residents, I move:

That the federal government before paying any subsidy conduct an inquiry into both proposed projects to determine which will provide maximum utilization of that resource and maximum benefit to the people of British Columbia and Vancouver Island.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

PROPOSED CONDEMNATION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, since today marks the ninth increase in gasoline prices since the Liberals regained power in February, 1980, and since the government continues to practise a program of purchasing foreign oil at world prices, which includes Mexican Maya oil that requires 1½ barrels of Maya to equal the equivalent amount of gasoline from one barrel of western sweet crude, and in view of the fact that the failure of the federal government to reach a domestic pricing agreement has caused Canadians in every region of Canada the loss of thousands of jobs, an increase in our national debt, increased our tax burden, and dramatically increased the price of gasoline and heating fuel, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Hamilton-Wentworth (Mr. Scott):

That this House condemn the government for its irresponsible energy program which was conceived for self-serving political reasons and defies any concern for the nation's requirements or consideration of our country's abundant energy potential.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Oral Questions

PENSIONS

CALL FOR LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR WOMEN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, and seconded by the hon. member for New Westminster-Coquitlam (Miss Jewett), I move:

That this House calls on the government to make a firm commitment to introduce legislation to provide women who work at home with pensions equivalent to those available under the Canada Pension Plan, and to provide pensions now for unattached women between the ages of 55 and 65 who are not in the labour market, such legislation to be introduced in time to be passed in this session of Parliament.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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AGRICULTURE

POLICIES AFFECTING FAMILY FARMS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The economy of this nation is in a shambles. The policies of the government have maintained interest rates at levels which are intolerable for most businesses and disastrous for the family farmer. In view of this situation I move, seconded by the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte (Mr. McCain):

That the government adopt policies which will significantly reduce the negative impact the agricultural community is facing and destroy the shameful neglect that this government has shown toward the family farmer.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

IMPACT STUDIES—REQUEST FOR MAJOR CHANGES

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, who will now know that two independent economic analysts, Data Resources and the Royal Bank's Global Energy Group, have released detailed reports which indicate that the government's National Energy Program is going to result in