

lems brought about by the present postal strike. The Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy), the only minister in the federal cabinet from Manitoba, is not returning calls from affected small businesses, nor is he prepared to state his position in reference to the strike.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp):

That the Prime Minister appoint a new member to his cabinet who will be responsive to the needs of the people of Manitoba, answer his telephone calls and assist in a return to normal postal service for the small businesses of Manitoba, not just for the rich corporations as is the case presently.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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#### POST OFFICE

##### CALL FOR RESTORATION OF FULL SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Fred King (Okanagan-Similkameen):** Madam Speaker, small enterprises with business dependent on a functioning Canadian postal service, such as Beaven's Custom Cannery in Summerland, B.C., and the businessmen of Oliver, B.C., who have expressed their distress through the Oliver Chamber of Commerce, all demand resumption of service. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan North (Mr. Dantzer):

That the Postmaster General instruct the Canada Post Office to demonstrate the same concern for small-town customers as it has done for its larger, city-based customers to whom it offered priority service at normal rates during any work stoppage, by moving resolutely to restore full postal service.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

##### CALL FOR RESTORATION OF ORDINARY MAIL SERVICE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Post Office is honouring its contract with the rich and wealthy who can afford other methods of mail delivery but doing absolutely nothing about the mail for the rest of the people, and whereas small businesses, ranchers and farmers must pay their employees, make instalment payments on income taxes, etc., etc.—in other words, they must have a cash flow or go under—I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince George-Bulkley Valley (Mr. McCuish):

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That this House urges the Prime Minister to get off his arrogant perch, give some consideration to the every-day people for a change, and restore ordinary mail service for everybody, not just the rich.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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#### PENSIONS

##### CALL FOR LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE PENSIONS TO ALL HOMEMAKER SPOUSES—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 urges the government, in view of its stated recognition of the role of spouses working in the home, to bring before the House legislation to provide pensions for all homemaker spouses, in their own right, equivalent to those earned by contributors to the Canada Pension Plan, thus recognizing in full, for pension purposes, the contribution to our society made by those who work in the home.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

#### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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##### POST OFFICE

##### POSTAL STRIKE—OFFER SENT TO PRIORITY POST CUSTOMERS

**Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General. I should start by indicating that we on this side of the House are extremely glad to see that both sides have accepted the proposal to return to bargaining if the mediator is successful.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**Mr. Bosley:** I might say it is extremely doubtful the government would have even offered to go to mediation unless the House were sitting this week.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Bosley:** Madam Speaker, the Postmaster General yesterday indicated he was not even aware of an offer made June