

Oral Questions

Medical Research Council, with 176 in favour and 68 opposed, and in light of the fact that the objectives of the Council are to expand the scientific and technological base for health care and to provide a research base for health services across Canada, and since 68 Conservatives voted against funding for scientific medical research into health care, while some 20 Conservatives found their party policy so stupid they did not vote for or against the funding, and some seven other Tories were so disgusted with their neanderthal party policy that they voted for health care, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie):

That the people of Canada be informed that a Conservative government would destroy medicare more quickly than the Liberals, and by terminating funds for medical research would be opting for the long sought Tory policy of free enterprise medical research—where research is done only on diseases that affect the wealthy.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

DEMAND FOR GENERAL ELECTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. The fiscal programs of this federal Liberal government are disastrous failures. This government wrestles inflation, and inflation goes up and up; it presents a budget, and farm and business bankruptcies double; it bolsters the dollar, and the dollar sinks lower and lower; it talks about new jobs, and unemployment soars; and it argues at Versailles against high interest rates, and then increases the interest rates in Canada. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neil):

That this House requests the Governor General to call an election because this government has lost all credibility, and heaven help Canada if we have to put up with this administration for another three years.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EDUCATION

FACILITIES FOR HEARING IMPAIRED STUDENTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Cutbacks in the American education budget could affect

hundreds of Canadian deaf students who are now planning to study in the U.S.A. because no university facilities exist for them in Canada. Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C., the world's only liberal arts college for the deaf, is under pressure from the U.S. government to stop accepting deaf Canadian students. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis):

That this House urges the federal and provincial governments to co-operate in offsetting the lack of opportunities for such students as may be prevented from attending Gallaudet College, and further co-operate in the setting up of various community college and post-secondary programs for the hearing impaired in Canada.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given the fact that another prominent Liberal in British Columbia, Senator George van Roggen, has now condemned the Prime Minister for moving the Liberal Party too far to the left and for his inability to understand the aspirations and concerns of western Canadians, adding to a long list including former MPs Jack Davis, Ron Basford, Art Phillips, and Liberal guru, Gordon Gibson, as well as B.C. Liberal leader, Shirley McLoughlin, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

• (1415)

That the Prime Minister admit that the Liberal Party of central Canada has absolutely nothing in common with Liberals in B.C. who are little more than closet Progressive Conservatives.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE ECONOMY

INCREASE IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate