

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, November 7, 1978

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1407)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

INCREASES IN INTEREST RATES—STRATEGY TO OFFSET  
ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT IN ATLANTIC REGION—MOTION  
UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, to move a motion of some urgency. Traditionally, the Atlantic region is the hardest hit when government, in the name of restraint, drastically changes its monetary and fiscal policies. Considering the fact that we are probably more dependent upon the small business community than most other regions of Canada, and that these very abrupt changes and abnormally high interest rates will have a very serious impact on that segment of our economy, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Prime Minister direct the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion to cause the preparation of a strategy in the very near future which will have the effect of offsetting any major, unbearable and unacceptable economic impact in that area.

**Mr. Speaker:** The presentation of such a motion, pursuant to Standing Order 43, would require the unanimous consent of the House at this time. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ISRAEL-EGYPT PEACE TALKS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a question of urgent and pressing necessity to move the following motion:

That this House welcomes Prime Minister Begin of Israel to our country and commends President Carter of the United States, President Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Begin for their efforts to bring about peace in the Holy Land, and this House of Commons expresses the hope that the city of Jerusalem, on the basis of history and heritage, shall, in its entirety, be part of Israel.

**Mr. Speaker:** I hope that the right hon. member will understand, from the tone of the debate which took place yesterday, that the use of this Standing Order for such a complimentary motion will soon be fulfilled without the necessity of putting the question, because we expect this honoured guest to be here very shortly.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am sure the right hon. member will recall that several times in the past I have refused to put the question when there has been an endeavour to use this motion for congratulatory purposes of any sort, and I think I must be consistent with that.

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

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### POST OFFICE

RECOGNITION OF REMEMBRANCE DAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Fouse Faour (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House calls upon the Postmaster General to rescind the directive that post offices are to operate this Saturday, November 11, on a normal day service, it being the view of all members of this House that veterans employed by the Post Office should not be required to work on Remembrance Day, but that they and all Canadians should have the opportunity to show respect for those who gave their lives for this country.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The presentation of such a motion for debate at this time, pursuant to Standing Order 43, can be done only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.