

pitiful condition, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bruce-Grey (Mr. Gurbin):

That the House commend the government for its decision and particularly for confessing thereby that massive expropriations were a monumental mistake, provided, however, it makes public amends for having devastated what were then the most beautiful arable lands in Quebec.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the hon. member's motion. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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[English]

AIR SAFETY

LANDING OF AIRPLANES DURING HEAVY RAINFALLS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to move a motion. A recent study done by the University of Dayton Research Institute in Ohio shows that 18 of 25 serious aircraft crashes studied could be mainly attributed to landing in a heavy rainfall. Taking into account the fatal crash of a Texasgulf jet last Wednesday as it was trying to land in heavy rain at Westchester County airport I move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the Minister of Transport obtain assurances from his air administrator and from Canadian and all foreign airlines that they are not allowing planes to land in Canada in a heavy rainfall and that he report back to the House as soon as possible.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FISHERIES

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Thomas Siddon (Richmond-South Delta): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry has not been convened since November 6 of last year for the purpose of discussing fishery management policy, and given the number of urgent seasonal problems developing in the fishing industry on both the east and west coasts, which must be addressed immediately by members of this House, I move, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte (Mr. McCain):

Oral Questions

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That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry be given an immediate reference from this House, which would permit the hearing of witnesses from both the fishing industry and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, in relation to the new east coast licensing plan, the groundfish management plan for 1981, the 1981 herring roe management plan and the crisis in chinook salmon stocks, all of which have imminent and urgent importance to fishermen.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

THE ECONOMY

REQUEST FOR INTRODUCTION OF ENERGY TAX CREDIT

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Finance who will know that the annual inflation rate is now at 12 per cent, the highest in the last six years. He will also know that while the Government of Canada preoccupies itself with constitutional and other questions, this increase in inflation is hitting hardest at lower and middle-income Canadians. Earlier in this session the Minister of Finance refused to bring in any action of relief, an energy tax credit or anything of that kind. In light of the fact that fuel oil costs for homes have gone up 37 per cent over last year, will the minister now consider bringing in an energy tax credit or some other means of relief for Canadians who are suffering from the government's failure to deal with economic policy and to deal with inflation?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition referred to a concern about the Constitution. I remind him that for the last weeks the House has dealt almost exclusively with economic matters through a number of tax bills that were before the House. Therefore I am surprised at the Leader of the Opposition suggesting there has not been ample opportunity to deal with or that we have not been concerned with economic questions. I have no intention of introducing the energy tax credit proposal which had been part of my predecessor's budget because it would do little good for the Canadian people in the present circumstances. For example, the first benefit would only have been available in March, 1982.