

## S.O. 43

[Translation]

## SOCIAL SECURITY

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF  
SENIOR CITIZENS' HOMES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Sherbrooke):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I request the unanimous consent of the House to present a motion dealing with an important and urgent matter.

In view of the increasing housing needs of the old in Canada, in view of the fact that there are not enough housing units for our senior citizens, and in view of the alarming number of retired people on endless waiting lists of existing homes for the aged, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Matane (Mr. De Bané):

That the Minister of Finance (Mr. Crosbie), when he brings down his budget in November, allot additional, considerable and the required funds for a larger number of housing starts to meet the needs of our senior citizens with a view to achieving the double objective of reducing our seasonal unemployment to a large extent and reducing the ever-growing number of old people in need of decent housing.

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the motion of the hon. member. Under 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]

## SMALL BUSINESS

PLANNED REDUCTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE—ADVERSE EFFECT  
ON SMALL BUSINESS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. John Evans (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In view of the current plight of small business in the Ottawa-Carleton region, and of the drastic implications for these small businesses as a result of this government's plans to cut 60,000 jobs from the public service, and in view of the fact that the federal government is about to sign the Eastern Ontario Rural and Economic Development Subsidiary Agreement with the government of the province of Ontario and to exclude the Ottawa-Carleton region from assistance under this agreement, contrary to the expressed desires of the province, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Ottawa-Carleton (Mr. Pepin):

That this House instruct the government to amend this agreement prior to signing, so as to allow small businesses in the Ottawa-Carleton region to qualify for assistance.

[Mr. Speaker.]

**Mr. Speaker:** The presentation of such a motion for debate could be done at this time only with unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SECRET TRIAL OF FIVE CZECHOSLOVAK HUMAN RIGHTS  
ACTIVISTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

Earlier this week, a behind-closed-doors kangaroo court in Prague, Czechoslovakia, convicted five human rights activists to a total of 19½ years in jail. In view of the fact that both Canada and Czechoslovakia, amongst other countries, are signatories to the Helsinki Agreement, which in this case has once again been grossly abused, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray):

That this House express its very strong concern to the government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic for allowing its so-called courts to neglect the basic deficiencies of human rights and, further, that the Secretary of State for External Affairs request of the Czechoslovak government that it abide by the Agreement signed in Helsinki in 1975 by both countries and repudiate the decision of that court so as not to further undermine the Helsinki Agreement originally intended to protect and support human rights activities around the world.

**Mr. Speaker:** Presentation of such a motion for discussion at this time, in accordance with the terms of Standing Order 43, can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[Translation]

## NATIONAL UNITY

REQUEST LEGISLATION ON REFERENDUM BE REINTRODUCED  
TO PROTECT CANADIANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to ask for the unanimous consent of the House to introduce a motion on an urgent and pressing matter.

In view of the fact that Quebec Premier René Lévesque wants a "yes" to his referendum question, that we do not yet know the wording of the question, although we know for sure that it will be ambiguous, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Etobicoke North (Mr. MacLaren):