

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.  
Motion agreed to.

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### MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 30

#### UNIVERSALITY IN SOCIAL PROGRAMS

**Mr. Speaker:** I have received notice from the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) of this desire to make a case to me under Standing Order 30 today.

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on an urgent matter of which I have given Your Honour notice.

Given the alarming and confusing situation which the Government has caused, which occupied the House today and which is exacerbating the situation regarding our social programs, I ask leave to propose a motion under Standing Order 30 to move adjournment of the House to discuss a matter requiring urgent consideration, namely the declaration yesterday by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) that universality in our social programs in this country is no longer a fundamental policy of the Government of Canada.

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

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** It might be worth while if you were right in your premise but you are not.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) has given the Chair the required notice of his intention to seek leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing an urgent matter, namely the declarations yesterday by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) relating to universality in social programs. The Chair recognizes that the issue of universality is an important matter and what is said about it on both sides of the House will continue to be of interest to all Canadians.

Standing Order 30(16) provides the Chair with some guidelines as to the conditions that must be met for such a debate to take place. The principal condition is that the matter proposed must relate to a "genuine" emergency and require "urgent consideration". Speaker Jerome, while ruling on a similar application, attempted to define the use of the word "emergency", or the application of the word "emergency". As reported at pages 2191 and 2192 of *Hansard* on December 10, 1979, he said:

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The phrase "genuine emergency" is not capable of precise definition necessarily, but I must take into account the fact that the word "genuine" is used for a specific reason by the drafters of the rule. While I can never say it rules out forever a situation in which the emergency itself is a matter of dispute, it seems that the word "genuine" implies that the rule should be used where at least the emergency itself is not a matter of argument.

### Order Paper Questions

At the present time, the subject raised by the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition is a matter of continuing debate and does not, in the opinion of the Chair, warrant an emergency debate. I therefore must rule that the application of the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition cannot be accepted.

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[Translation]

### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Government House Leader)):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 56 and 97.

[Text]

#### DESTROYER STRENGTH

Question No. 56—**Mr. Howie:**

How many destroyers are on strength in the Canadian Armed Forces, and of this number, how many are currently under repair or otherwise incapable of going to sea?

**Hon. Robert C. Coates (Minister of National Defence):** The total strength of the Canadian Forces destroyer fleet is 23, of which three are in an unmanned reserve status, three are undergoing routine refits and a fourth is scheduled to commence refit on December 3, 1984.

#### FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK MANDATE

Question No. 97—**Mr. Dingwall:**

Does the Federal Business Development Bank have a mandate to be a lender of last resort for community development corporations and, if so, does the mandate include (a) the Local Employment Assistance Development Program (b) non-profit organizations?

**Hon. André Bissonnette (Minister of State (Small Businesses)):** The Federal Business Development Bank may make loans to commercial enterprises; non-profit organizations do not qualify for loan assistance. Community development corporations including those set up under the Local Employment Assistance Development Program generally fall into the latter category.

[Translation]

**Mr. Dick:** I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions as enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.