

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 5, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

FARM CREDIT CORPORATION

SUGGESTED INCREASE IN FUNDING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 43 I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity.

In light of the grossly insufficient amount of funding available to meet current Farm Credit Corporation loan demands which is threatening the viability of thousands of farmers, particularly the young and those starting new operations, and given the failure of the government to respond in a positive way, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Athabasca (Mr. Shields):

That the minister take the necessary immediate steps to increase the level of funding of the Farm Credit Corporation by at least \$150 million and to ensure that the lending rate not exceed the current level of 12.75 per cent.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

REQUEST NORTHERN ALBERTA REPRESENTATIVE BE APPOINTED ON REVIEW BOARD—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. I would ask members to give serious consideration to passing this resolution unanimously.

Whereas the eight-member review board which oversees drought assistance programs such as the herd maintenance assistance and fodder procurement programs in drought-affected areas of Canada is currently comprised of two members from Manitoba, three from Saskatchewan, three from Ontario and one from southern Alberta, and whereas the province of Alberta, particularly the northern regions where the effects of drought are equally devastating and are so sorely

under-represented on this board, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski):

That the Minister of Agriculture immediately appoint a representative from northern Alberta to sit on the review board in order to correct this glaring inequity.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

RECOGNITION OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF CANADIANS OF CHINESE DESCENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on an urgent matter which I am sure will have unanimous support.

Today is the Chinese New Year, and it is the year of the rooster. I am told we must beware of this because the rooster is a loner, a deep thinker, he dreams a lot but takes no action, is sometimes disliked but never a bore. In honour of this day I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell):

That this House recognizes the many contributions of Canadians of Chinese descent and wishes them and all Canadians good health, prosperity and happiness in the year of the rooster. "Gung Hai Fat Choy".

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Order, please. This motion contains good wishes which I am sure we all want to extend to the Chinese community, but I cannot accept it under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

LACK OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVA SCOTIA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity concerning the province of Nova Scotia.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. Will the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse) proceed, please.