

S.O. 43

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

DEMAND FOR HOLDING OF GENERAL ELECTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Madam Speaker, while Canada-wide dissension rages in the Liberal Party, as witnessed by the B.C. affair last weekend when delegates were told that the government has no plans to deal with the economy until after Versailles, and equally at the Ottawa policy convention where eastern Ontario Liberal backbenchers described themselves as "voices crying in the wilderness", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That this House determines to rid itself of the Liberal blight and replace the present incompetent government with the Conservative alternative.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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IMMIGRATION

PLIGHT OF EAST INDIAN WOMAN—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 on an urgent matter. Amarjit Kaur Sandhu, an East Indian woman whose husband took her dowry and abandoned her, will be forced to leave the country tomorrow, with no place to go. Over 200 appeals to the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) have been ignored, and the minister responsible for the status of women has refused to intervene. Inasmuch as Mrs. Sandhu cannot return to India for economic, cultural and family reasons and she has job offers in Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House urge the Minister of Employment and Immigration to have a change of heart and allow Mrs. Sandhu to stay in Canada on humanitarian grounds.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

PLIGHT OF ESTONIAN CITIZEN, SERGEI SOLDATOV—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parkdale-High Park): Madam Speaker, I seek the attention of all hon. members of the House on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, under the terms of Standing Order 43. On May 12, 1982, Mr. Sergei Soldatov, a distinguished Estonian political and human rights activist, appeared in Ottawa before the Canadian Parliamentary Helsinki group along with representatives from the Estonian Central Council in Canada. Mr. Soldatov was in prison for six years for alleged anti-Soviet activity. His only son, Aleksander, 23 years of age, has been refused permission to leave Estonia to join his family, which is an obvious violation of the provisions of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe Final Act. In view of Canada's strong support for the principle of family unification, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson):

That this House express its deep concern to the government of the Soviet Union and strongly urge that Mr. Sergei Soldatov's son, Aleksander, be permitted to leave Estonia without delay so that he may be reunited with his family.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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FINANCE

CALL FOR BUDGET WITHDRAWAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, taxes arising out of the National Energy Program and the November 12 budget are a burden to wage earners and those on fixed incomes and have discouraged investment in and expansion of industry and have, indeed, killed incentive in this country. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan-Similkameen (Mr. King), on behalf of the million plus unemployed, and the thousands more who will become unemployed if things are not changed, and those who would invest in Canada if the government would cut down its present exorbitant "take" in taxes:

That this House demands that the government withdraw the budget and substantially reduce the energy taxes at once.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?