

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

SUGGESTED CHANGE IN REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO LAY-OFFS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Madam Speaker, in view of the fact that partial lay-offs hit younger, low-seniority employees first; in view of the fact that these employees often face heavy mortgages and other payments and are unable to get by on unemployment insurance; and in view of the fact that some older employees with higher seniority could better afford a lay-off and would be willing to take a lay-off if they did not thereby forfeit their rights under unemployment insurance and their seniority rights, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo):

That the government amend UIC regulations to permit higher seniority employees the option of being laid off in place of lower seniority employees during a partial and temporary lay-off.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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CRIMINAL CODE

SUGGESTED RETENTION OF PENALTIES FOR USE OF MARIJUANA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given the fact that medical research has compiled overwhelming evidence that smoking marijuana is extremely dangerous, often damaging the lungs, brain, reproductive tissues and cellular metabolism, and given the fact that relaxing penalties for marijuana has been proven beyond a doubt to lead directly to dramatic increases in the amount consumed, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Huron-Bruce (Mr. Cardiff):

That the government give its assurances not to soften the present legislation on marijuana which could easily be misconstrued as condoning or encouraging the use of this very dangerous drug.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS

CUTBACKS IN TRANSFER OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO PROVINCES— MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, on February 3 the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) indicated to this House that she would be

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increasing the \$4.6 billion she transfers to provincial governments for health concerns by 13.4 per cent. Yesterday the Secretary of State (Mr. Regan) indicated he would be increasing the transfers of \$1.825 billion to the provinces for post-secondary education by at least 12 per cent. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman):

That the Minister of Finance on motions today explain to this House from what appropriations he is cutting transfers to the provinces, by his own admission in the amount of \$3.2 billion over the next five years, and, by the provinces' calculations, \$4.5 billion, with respect to the financing of the established programs.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT

PARLIAMENTARY HOCKEY GAME—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and important business today. In view of the fact that a coalition hockey team comprised of the Conservatives and the NDP fell last night before the overwhelming talent of the Liberals, I move—

Some hon. Members: No, no!

Mr. Parent:—seconded by the hon. member for Restigouche (Mr. Harquail):

That this House formally congratulate the victorious Liberals who were able to give as good an account of themselves on the hockey rink as they do right here in the House.

Mr. Regan: Nine-nothing!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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Madam Speaker: Before we get into question period, I would ask hon. members to remove those beautiful apples from their desks.

Mr. Clark: I would not do anything, Madam Speaker, to draw attention to Apple Month in Canada, and I appreciate your injunction.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!