

FINANCE

BUDGET PROVISIONS AFFECTING HEALTH AND DENTAL CARE PLANS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In light of the fact that the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen), under pressure from the people of Canada, has made a number of amendments to his November 12 budget and has stated on a number of occasions his concern for fairness and equity, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Alberni (Mr. Miller):

That this House instruct the Minister of Finance to reconsider the budget where it affects the taxing of health and dental care plans and the taxing of income not yet received in life insurance plans.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

CALL FOR INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUDGET—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that a group of university professors have said that the recent budget did not provide equity in income distribution as claimed by the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen), but rather was a document of "creative fiction with figures", I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent):

That this House calls on the Minister of Finance to bring forward a new budget that will be equitable to all Canadians, and that for once he depart from the Liberals' political and tactical tendency not to redistribute income to low-income Canadians except when an election is to be called.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

CALL FOR DECLARATION OF DAY OF MOURNING—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas on Wednesday, in appearing before the Miscellaneous Estimates Committee, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and his senior bureaucrats indicated that freedom of information legislation would be put on the backburner for this session, and whereas the Prime Minister indicated that he and his bureaucrats were having second thoughts about the fundamental principle of removal of Crown privilege and the need for independent judicial review, I

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move, seconded by the hon. member for Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle):

That this House express its displeasure at this denial of the fundamental right of all Canadians by declaring a day of mourning for freedom of information legislation in Canada, and presenting a copy of the bill wrapped in black ribbon to the Prime Minister—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member knows he should not display any objects in the House.

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THE ECONOMY

EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis):

That the Minister of Finance explain to this House by way of a statement on motions why the government is pursuing its economic policy of high interest rates, high bankruptcies and high unemployment which is resulting in reduced productivity, reduced business confidence and reduced job opportunities.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSING

CANADA HOME RENOVATION PLAN

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The minister is in the process of announcing—whether he has announced or not it is hard to say, it leaks out—a program called the Canada Home Renovation Plan. It is a program that perhaps will do something for our ailing construction industry, but is as yet just another plan with another series of initials, managed by his department. Could the minister advise the House whether the plan will be available to people generally across Canada? Will people be able in fact to borrow up to one third of the cost of renovations, provided it is within the ceiling of \$3,000, for work done on their homes? Could the minister enlighten us with regard to the plan?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for the opportunity of talking about the plan. I could not, in the time allocated in question period, give all of the details. The hon. member