S.O. 43

THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

HIGH LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT—GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise to present a motion of urgent and pressing necessity under Standing Order 43.

Whereas Canada has one million people unemployed, whereas the federal government is still overspending, and whereas we are paying millions of dollars for imported oil, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart):

That this House urge Prime Minister to give these problems more attention and spend less time playing with his yo-yo.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HOUSING

EROSION PROBLEMS IN SCARBOROUGH, ONT.—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Gilchrist (Scarborough East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Considering the plight of many home owners in Scarborough who stand to lose their homes because of severe erosion problems to the Scarborough bluffs, caused in part by the St. Lawrence Seaway Power Authority adjusting Lake Ontario water levels, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay):

That the Minister of Public Works, a resident of the area, be requested to immediately commence discussion with the metro Toronto regional conservation authority as to a course of action and suitable funding to secure the base of the bluffs before more homes are lost over the 115 metres drop into Lake Ontario.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

ISSUANCE OF FOREIGN WORK VISAS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 in connection with the urgent need to prevent Canadian jobs being given away through the issuance of foreign work visas.

Foreign crews have been given visas for jobs which should have gone to unemployed Canadians to work on ships in the Arctic; unemployed Canadian union workers have been disregarded while non-union American workers were hired for work on the Whistler Mountain development in British Columbia, also, foreign iron workers have been brought in to Kelowna to build a fruit plant. Accordingly, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent):

That the Minister of Employment and Immigration launch an immediate inquiry to determine who made these decisions and inform this House what steps he has taken to stop such union-busting tactics, and ensure that in future no work visas will be issued to foreign workers while Canadian workers remain unemployed.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion would require unanimous consent before it could be put to the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

HARBOURS

HALIFAX HARBOUR—BRIDGE PIER PROTECTION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to propose a motion which I wish could have been seconded by the hon. member for Halifax (Mr. Regan); it will be seconded by the hon. member for Halifax West (Mr. Crosby).

Given the almost tenfold increase in ship traffic under the MacKay and MacDonald bridges spanning Halifax harbour expected with the completion with the second container pier, and noting that the two bridges accommodated a traffic volume in excess of two million vehicles in the first four or five months of this year alone, I would move, seconded by the hon. member for Halifax West:

That the federal government take immediate action to set up measures to instal bridge pier protection in order to reduce the possibility of a major catastrophe resulting in extensive loss of life should such action not be taken in the near future.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.