

harm the people of Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the government be condemned by this House for its sheer ignorance of the effects of the national energy policy when written, and for its bull-headed retention of a dogmatic, doctrinaire policy which is so harmful to the national interest.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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METRIC CONVERSION

OPTING OUT PRIVILEGE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, the metric test centres of Peterborough and Kamloops have been permitted to opt out of metric in retail food stores. Should any of the 36 test centres slated to convert in January, 1982, in the retail food sector not wish to proceed at that time, they should be given a choice. Therefore I move under Standing Order 43, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That they be given the same opting-out privilege as Peterborough and Kamloops in 1982.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PARKS CANADA

HOUSING OF OFFICES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg-St. James): Madam Speaker, the government has a policy of housing Parks Canada offices in heritage structures across this country, and this is a good policy. However, in Winnipeg the government, in the administration of its policy, is threatening to scuttle its own policy by housing the Parks Canada office in a marginally historic building simply because it owns that building. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That the government reconsider that foolish action and house the Parks Canada offices all across this country in first-class historical buildings.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Oral Questions

THE PRIME MINISTER

MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Madam Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 43 to focus the attention of this assembly on a saga of economic crises of the first magnitude. The Minister of Finance is quoted in the January 24 issue of the *Financial Post* as saying he has three options, fiscal restraint, monetary restraint or wage and price controls, to combat stagflation. The minister asked anyone with better ideas to come forward. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Okanagan North (Mr. Dantzer):

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That there is a fourth option and that the Prime Minister exercise it by calling on the Governor General and offering his resignation and the resignations of the rest of the gang who could not shoot straight.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

EFFECT OF TAXES ON INDUSTRY

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Madam Speaker, last week I asked the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance why the taxes in the National Energy Program hit the Canadian-owned segment of the industry much harder than the multinationals. At that time the minister said that he disagreed with my statement. I am sure he is aware of the survey of the Petroleum Monitoring Agency which indicated that large foreign-owned, integrated companies earned about half of their income from the production end of the business, the other half from marketing and refining, while Canadian-owned companies earned about three quarters of their income from the production end.

Why did the minister place the total impact of his taxes on the production side of the business, clearly to the detriment of Canadian-owned companies, when there was the obvious option of spreading the load farther afield, on the multinationals?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, again the hon. member returns to the theme he followed last week to the effect that the National Energy Program will adversely affect cash flow to Canadian companies—