

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, February 12, 1982

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1105)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

THE ECONOMY

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN LETTER SIGNED BY GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND SUPPORTERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 to seek the permission of the House to move a motion on a subject of urgent and pressing necessity. It relates to the necessity that the government immediately implement the recommendations contained in a letter to the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), dated February 3, 1982, signed by the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) and the Minister of State (Mr. Joyal) and certain Members of Parliament, which urged the government to proceed with the immediate creation of two new programs to create employment in key sectors of the economy, by stimulating domestic housing construction and by launching a program to enable private enterprise to hire young Canadians.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen):

That the House strongly endorse the position of the authors of the Bégin-Joyal letter when they wrote: "Mr. Prime Minister, we urge you to adopt these measures as soon as possible because we are convinced that they are necessary right now."

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

POLITICAL PARTIES

POSITION TAKEN BY NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Madam Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor):

That the New Democratic Party stand condemned for once again saving the Liberal government, including the ugly spectacle of the NDP leader consulting with the Liberals behind the curtain before saving them, and that all Canadians who are being hurt by the government know, beyond any shadow of a doubt, that the NDP saved the budget and the Liberals. Let Canadians beware!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

CHANGING OF ANNOUNCED OPPOSITION DAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, yesterday, a day which shall live in infamy, the party to my left and the Liberal government connived in a reprehensible action which denied my party the right to our allotted day.

Mr. Waddell: It was our allotted day!

Mr. Fretz: Moreover, their despicable deed denied the right of the hon. member for Kitchener (Mr. Lang) and eight of his Liberal colleagues to speak to our proposed motion, which urged the immediate creation of job programs for young Canadians and the stimulation of the housing industry, an idea favoured by another group of Liberal members and ministers.

In light of this denial of rights, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker):

That this House censure the President of the Privy Council for his deplorable lack of courage in not allowing the Progressive Conservative Party to have today as an opposition day, in clear contravention of the Standing Orders.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.