

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY**IMPORTATION OF CARS MANUFACTURED IN SOVIET UNION—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Since the Liberal government is continuing a policy of harassing west coast importers of Japanese cars, thereby threatening employment of importers, truckers, longshoremen, auto dealers and salesmen, ostensibly to protect the jobs of those in the auto industry in central Canada, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Kindersley-Lloydminster (Mr. McKnight):

That the Minister of State for International Trade explain to this House how it is that Lada cars, made in the Soviet Union, seem to have no difficulty coming into Canada, even though they may be guilty of dumping and are thereby taking jobs away from central Canadians.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS**SUGGESTION MONDAY BE RECOGNIZED AS PARLIAMENTARY
HOLIDAY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Madam Speaker, since British Columbians will be celebrating B.C. Day on Monday, and since Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories will be observing a civic holiday on Monday, under the provisions of Standing Order 43, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman):

That this House recognize Monday as a parliamentary holiday.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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PUBLIC SECTOR COMPENSATION RESTRAINT ACT**PROVISION AFFECTING STAFFS OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT—
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43**

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Madam Speaker, I rise to move a motion under Standing Order 43. Whereas Bill C-124, currently under consideration by this House, proposes to reduce the current salaries of the staff of MPs, and noting that this bill is supported by both the Liberals and the Conservatives, and whereas this group of workers has no collective bargaining rights, no job security, and is for the most part

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already underpaid, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy):

That this House condemn the government and the Conservative opposition for this clearly vindictive act and call upon the government to remove this particular proposal from Bill C-124.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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TRANSPORT**MAISLIN TRUCKING COMPANY—INQUIRY RESPECTING
DECISION ON GOVERNMENT LOAN**

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Maislin Trucking Company is in trouble because poor management made wrong decisions, buying companies in the United States in the face of deregulation, and it will continue to lose money. There are a total of approximately 67,000 trucking jobs in Ontario and Quebec. Any federal money will not increase that number one bit. It will not increase the GNP, but it will increase animosity in the United States where legislation is under way to prevent further take-overs. In light of this, is the Minister of Transport prepared to announce whether or not cabinet has approved a massive loan to its Liberal friends at Maislin and, if so, under what conditions?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, we have been discussing with Maislin the basis for an offer of a loan guarantee—not a loan—to assist the company to restructure on the basis of it agreeing to certain conditions, including involvement in the six and five per cent guideline program. When matters are at a final and definitive stage, I will be happy to make an announcement.

Mr. Ellis: The guarantee about which we have been talking will cost at least five times per job that which was spent for guarantees to Massey and Chrysler. No one has seen a financial statement for Maislin for at least the last 18 months.

**AVAILABILITY OF ASSISTANCE FOR OTHER TRUCKING
COMPANIES**

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Madam Speaker, is the minister now open to proposals from trucking companies in other parts of Canada? I can assure him that that amount of money would guarantee at least 7,000 jobs in other well-managed trucking companies in eastern Canada which