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appreciate the service aspect of a bank, which is to make such things as providing transportation and the purchase of a home attainable for all Canadians. As I have said, consideration of some of these things would put a different perspective on the board of directors of a bank. They could provide a very meaningful contribution.

I see the time is fast approaching when we will be taking a recess, but I would like to say that the Bank Act has been going nowhere. I think the government must make a firm stab at explaining where we are going with the Bank Act. November 30 is rapidly approaching and we are still without the changes which are needed. I think the government and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance had better make some pretty substantive changes to the Bank Act, instead of a few cosmetic ones. I would like to say that it seems to be going nowhere, in our view. I think they should start listening to some of the things that the members from the opposition parties are putting forward. They should listen to the amendments that have been put forward. They should listen to the amendments that have been put forward by this party and other members in the House of Commons. In particular, they should consider the item which I have talked about today, that is, the deletion of the provision which prevents officers and employees of Crown corporations from holding positions on the boards of directors of banking institutions.

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock I do leave the chair until two o'clock p.m.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

CALL FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW POLICY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In its current issue the respected magazine *The Economist* ridicules the government's new energy policy in an article entitled "Wildcat Canada resigns from the world". It is already clear that a number of Canadian-owned firms, the ones which are supposed to benefit from the energy policy, are moving their operations and jobs to the United States where each barrel of oil they find there now brings them four times what they can

earn in Canada. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday):

That this House direct the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to develop a new energy policy concerned more with creating Canadian jobs and Canadian self-sufficiency and less with his ideology and the development of energy self-sufficiency in the United States of America.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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THE CONSTITUTION

POSITION OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Whereas the Progressive Conservative Party has made it abundantly clear several times that we want the constitution patriated based on the Vancouver formula to which ten provinces agreed last September, whereas the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) has stated in this House that the Progressive Conservative Party wanted the constitution patriated without the consent of the provinces, which is a complete fabrication, and whereas the position of the Progressive Conservative Party favouring the patriation of the constitution with the Vancouver formula, including the consent of a majority of the provinces, was made very clear in a debate in this House on October 28, 1980, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Moose Jaw (Mr. Neif):

That this House urge the Prime Minister and the Liberal party to desist from spreading this false information.

Madam Speaker: For presentation, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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NATIONAL GALLERY

CALL FOR RESTORATION OF OPERATIONS BUDGET—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Madam Speaker, I also rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In a period when Canada is concerned about her national identity, one of our major cultural institutions is being eroded by budget cuts, inadequate housing and internal political struggles. The National Gallery's operational budget has been cut by some 30.7 per cent in the last two years. While we learned yesterday from the Acting Secretary of State that the gallery's acquisitions budget