

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 26, 1981

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### FISHERIES

TARIFFS IMPOSED BY EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the serious economic conditions faced today by all segments of Atlantic Canada's fishing industry, namely, our inshore and offshore fishermen and processors, brought about by high inventories, high interest rates, lower sales prices for fish products and higher wage and fuel costs, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax-East (Mr. Forrestall):

That this government take steps to negotiate the lowering of tariffs placed on Canadian fish exports by the European Economic Community so that Canadians are competitive with the preferential rates given by the European Economic Community to Norway and Iceland.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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### AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines):** Madam Speaker, more than 5,000 General Motors workers will be laid off this Monday, and more are expected to follow before Christmas. In January and February, traditionally the slowest months in the automobile industry, we are told to expect further slowdowns accompanied by even further lay-offs. Industrial unemployment now stands at a staggering 280,000, and considering that a crisis situation will soon be upon us, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Halton (Mr. Jelinek):

That this House instructs the government to take immediate action to avert the coming crisis in the automobile industry and that it now recognize the urgent necessity of an industrial strategy for Canada and a short-term policy to assist the automobile industry.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[Translation]

### THE CONSTITUTION

SUGGESTION THAT ONTARIO PREMIER RECOGNIZE LINGUISTIC  
DUALITY OF CANADA—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Whereas a nation, in drafting its constitution, should do so with respect and in a spirit of generosity towards its minorities; and whereas it is vital to recognize more fully and to protect Canada's duality, I move, seconded by the member for Missisquoi (Mr. Bachand):

That this House invite forthwith the Premier of Ontario, William Davis, to introduce in the Ontario Legislature now in session, a resolution to the effect that Ontario recognizes the linguistic duality of Canada and requests that it be bound by sections 14(2), 18(2), 19(2) and 20(2), which would make it possible for all French-speaking Canadians—wherever they may reside in Canada—when coming to Ontario, to have access to that province's parliamentary and judicial institutions and government services in the same manner as all English-speaking Canadians have had access to the same institutions in Quebec for over 134 years.

**Madam Speaker:** The House has heard the motion presented by the hon. member. Under the provisions of Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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[English]

APPLICATION OF OVERRIDE PROVISION—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 43. In view of the fact that Section 33 of the proposed Constitution resolution would

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permit provincial and federal governments to override and deny fundamental rights to Canadians, including freedom of conscience and religion, freedom of the press, freedom of association, and the right to protect from discrimination against the physically and mentally disabled, ethnic and racial minorities, the elderly, and possibly women, and in view of the fact that the federal-provincial accord refused to protect these groups from possible discrimination, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Beaches (Mr. Young):

That this House urge the Minister of Justice to propose amendments to the constitutional resolution, eliminating the possibility of Section 33, the override provision, applying at the very least within federal jurisdiction.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## THE BUDGET

## CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Vince Dantzer (Okanagan North):** Madam Speaker, it is now apparent why the government's budget has turned into such an unmitigated disaster. Senior officials of the finance department have advised the Canadian Tax Foundation that budget preparation was "characterized by a totally inadequate group" in the Department of Finance, and that budget changes were designed to increase budget revenues. This House was told that equity was the main thrust of this budget. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser):

That this House direct the Minister of Finance to withdraw the budget and to take another run at it.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## VETERANS AFFAIRS

PROVISION OF GENERAL INQUIRIES TELEPHONE NUMBER—  
MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton):** Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43. Given the fact that Canadian veterans presently face such critical problems as excessive pension delays, the Hong Kong parasites disease and abnormally low pension levels, as well as the fact that many phone books in Canada fail to list a Veterans Affairs general inquiry phone number, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis):

That in light of the present crisis confronting the Department of Veterans Affairs, this House instruct the Minister of Veterans Affairs to ensure immediately that all future phone books across the country will list in the government blue pages a general inquiries number so that Canadian veterans can approach the government with their problems.

**Madam Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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● (1410)

[Translation]

## THE CONSTITUTION

REQUEST THAT LINGUISTIC RIGHTS OF FRANCO-ONTARIANS BE  
ENTRENCHED IN CHARTER OF RIGHTS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bob Rae (Broadview-Greenwood):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43.

Hundreds of thousands of Ontarians have French as their mother tongue, and it is only fair to ask that their cultural heritage and language rights should be protected. Considering the fact that the government of Ontario persists in refusing to recognize the right of Franco-Ontarians to communicate with their government and legislature and with their Ontario courts in the official language of their choice, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Spadina (Mr. Heap):

That the House of Commons amend the constitutional resolution to make Section 133 of the British North America Act, in other words, Sections 16 to 20 and 22 of the constitutional resolution, applicable to Ontario, and to provide for entrenchment of the language rights of Franco-Ontarians in the Charter of Rights and our Constitution.

**Madam Speaker:** The House has heard the motion presented by the hon. member. Pursuant to Standing Order 43, this motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## AGRICULTURE

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATE IN EXHIBITION AT  
SALON DE L'AGRICULTURE IN MONTREAL—MOTION UNDER  
S.O. 43

**Mr. Marcel Dionne (Chicoutimi):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, I seek the unanimous consent of the