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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT, 1867

UNILATERAL ACTION TO CHANGE PROVISIONS—MOTION
UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity pursuant to Standing Order 43. Whereas the British North America Act is a contract between Canadians as represented by their federal and provincial legislatures, and whereas the Government of Canada now proposes to change the terms of that contract by unilateral action without consulting the signatories to that contract, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers):

That this government be condemned for acting alone without fairly and properly obtaining substantial agreement to those changes.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Such a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43 requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

REQUEST PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO BILL C-43—MOTION UNDER
S.O. 43

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I, too, rise under the terms of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that Canadians have waited far too long for effective and comprehensive freedom of information legislation and an end to secrecy in government, and in view of the apparent decision of the Liberal government, as revealed of course in a secret memo, to put freedom of information legislation on the back burner and further delay action on this important bill, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell):

That this House call upon the government to give priority to speedy second reading and referral to committee of the freedom of information bill, Bill C-43, where much needed improvements may be made and an end be put once and for all to decades of secrecy in government.

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

S.O. 43

THE BUDGET

INTRODUCTION BY OCTOBER 17, 1980—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity under the provisions of Standing Order 43. In December of last year members opposite supported a non-confidence motion against the realistic budget of the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie)—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Bosley: —because in the view of today's Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) the budget did not do enough to lower interest rates, lower taxes or stimulate the economy. Madam Speaker, for eight months the government has steadfastly refused to face the economic difficulties facing Canada while the minister has said he supports higher interest rates, higher taxes and that more stimulation is not needed. I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for St. John's West:

That this House instruct the government to find the real Allan MacEachen and to instruct him to bring in a budget by October 17, 1980, at the latest.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Such a motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there such consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

ALL-PARTY COMMITTEE TO INITIATE PRICING NEGOTIATIONS
WITH PRODUCING PROVINCES—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. Whereas the recently failed oil pricing talks have put Canada's future oil supply in grave danger by placing our dependence on this very vital resource in the hands of undependable foreign suppliers, as witnessed by the present mid-East crisis, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Elzinga):

That this House of Commons appoint an all-party committee from the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works to initiate with the producing provinces pricing negotiations to secure an energy agreement, so that we may gain oil self-sufficiency and security of supply so vital to our vast country.

Madam Speaker: This motion requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.