

Committee Reports

[Translation]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to the following petitions: 332-1830 to 332-1840 inclusive, 332-1872 to 332-1875 inclusive, 332-1880 to 332-1895 inclusive, 332-1901 to 332-1913 inclusive, 332-1922, 332-1927 to 332-1930 inclusive, 332-1936 to 332-1945 inclusive, 332-1952 to 332-1959 inclusive, 332-1961 to 332-1963 inclusive, 332-1966 and 332-1968 to 332-1975 inclusive.

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[English]

SECURITY INTELLIGENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Solicitor General (Mr. Kelleher) undertook to obtain correspondence between the Minister and the Security Intelligence Review Committee and I am pleased at this time to table in both official languages that correspondence.

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ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

PRESENTATION OF SIXTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources in both official languages.

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PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED VARIABLE FREIGHT RATES

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from residents of several different areas in my riding. They are petitioning the House of Commons and the Government of Canada and note that the application for variable rates made by Canadian National Railways and six grain companies will lower freight rates which will adversely affect the quality and stability of rural life in Saskatchewan since they will only apply to a few places.

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The petitioners say that the expense of hauling grain will fall back on the producer. Longer hauls will increase trucking and fuel costs and increase the upkeep on municipal roads, and will eventually allow the disintegration of the railway branch line network. They humbly call upon Parliament to reject the proposal to apply variable freight rates to 47 delivery points in western Canada.

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have a duly certified petition concerning the report of the commission of inquiry into unemployment insurance, known as the Forget Commission.

The petitioners point out that the Forget proposal to annualize the UI program will reduce benefits to the unemployed by 31 per cent over all, forcing over 62 per cent of the unemployed to live on less than \$140 a week.

Therefore the undersigned call upon Parliament to reject any legislation designed to eliminate federal contributions to the unemployment program or reduce UI benefits for unemployed Canadians.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF UNBORN—PROTECTION OF CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, I have the duty and pleasure to table several petitions with over 100 signatures dealing with Motion No. 37 presently before the House.

The petitioners indicate that because of the killing of thousands of unborn Canadian children every year for reasons of convenience, they call upon Parliament to approve this Private Members' motion which asks the Government to protect the right to life for the unborn in the Canadian Charter of Rights.

The petitioners come from several communities in The Battlefords—Meadow Lake constituency, and I am very pleased to note that the majority of signatures are from John Paul II Collegiate in North Battleford.

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MUTUAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-58, an Act to provide for the implementation of treaties for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, to amend the Criminal Code, the Crown Liability Act, and the Immigration Act, 1976.