

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 22, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

TABLING OF REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES  
COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to lay upon the Table the 1982 report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Northwest Territories and the report of the commissioners in relation to the deliberations of the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges and Procedure.

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[Translation]

### PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to 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 seven petitions: Nos. 331-421, 331-426, 331-477, 331-480, 331-482, 331-495 and 331-497.

[English]

CANCELLATION OF UI BENEFITS TO ARMED FORCES

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to present before the House today a petition concerning the Government's withdrawal of unemployment insurance benefits to members of the Armed Forces and a request that the Government consider reinstating these benefits as soon as possible.

DECOMMISSIONING OF LIGHTHOUSES

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, I have a second petition which involves a large number of individuals from the coast of British Columbia who request that the Government not automate lighthouses but leave crews in place to provide communication services, search and rescue and accurate weather forecasting and reporting to ensure that safety will prevail on the coast of British Columbia for marine and air transportation.

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, Question No. 548 will be answered today.

[Text]

THALASSIC DATA

Question No. 548—**Mr. Caccia:**

1. In the past six months, has the Department of Environment had any contact with Thalassic Data and, if so (a) on what dates (b) with whom (c) on what subjects?

2. Does the Department have a professional assessment of information that Thalassic Data has regarding the St. Clair River and, if so, what is their assessment?

3. Since March 18, 1986, have there been contacts between Thalassic Data and the Department and, if so (a) who represented the Department (b) how many meetings were held (c) what was the end result with regards to the information Thalassic Data has (d) will the information be used by the Department or further data collection pursued and, if not, are future meetings planned?

**Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment):** 1. Yes.

(a) Dates	(b) Contacts	(c) Subjects
On or about November 10, 1985	Mr. P.L. Brander	Thalassic Data's seismic survey capability Department of Environment program in the St. Clair River Organization of government programs for the St. Clair River study Arranged a meeting for technical discussions
November 14, 1985	Mr. P.L. Brander	Technical specifications of Thalassic Data's capability Deferral of discussion with Mr. E. Myers of Thalassic Data until he was available to explain its methods
November 14, 1985	Mr. P.L. Brander	Confirmation of above stated technical meeting Possibility of funding by the Department of Environment Declaration by Thalassic Data that it would proceed with survey at its own expense
November 24, 1985	Mr. P.L. Brander & Mr. T.M. McGee	Presentation of raw original records obtained by Thalassic Data on the St. Clair River Thalassic Data's intention to write up a report Request that Thalassic Data advise the Department of Environment or the Ontario Ministry of Environment on its report
On or about January 17, 1986	Mr. P.L. Brander	Draft report by Thalassic Data Intention of Thalassic Data to apply for exploratory drilling of the river bottom Confirmation of Thalassic Data's consultation with Ontario Ministry of Environment on its report Potential advertisement by Thalassic Data of its results