

to implement an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia on offshore petroleum resource management and revenue sharing, and to make related and consequential amendments.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-76, an Act to provide for emergency preparedness and to make a related amendment to the National Defence Act.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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EMERGENCIES ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-77, an Act to authorize the taking of special temporary measures to ensure safety and security during national emergencies and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Introduction of Private Members' Bills.

Mr. Penner: Mr. Speaker, on a very brief point of order, Members today received a communiqué from the Hon. Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. McKnight) which indicated that today in the House he would be tabling a report in conjunction with the requirements of Section 22 of an Act to amend the Indian Act, 1985. The

Petitions

Minister was in his place during Question Period and at the appropriate point in the proceedings he did not rise to present his report. Can the Parliamentary Secretary or the Government House Leader explain what went amiss?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It is not a point of order but if the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski)—

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the communiqué but I will undertake to the Hon. Member and the House to look into it and perhaps come back a little bit later.

Mr. Penner: Yes.

Mr. Gauthier: Here he is.

Mr. McKnight: Mr. Speaker, my office provided to the opposition Party critics notice that later this day a report would be tabled on the implementation of changes to the Indian Act as prescribed under Bill C-31. As I understand it, that will take place later this day.

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PETITIONS

SUPPORT FOR REINSTATEMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of 279 Canadians living in my riding in the Cities of Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge, I am pleased to present a petition calling upon the Government to pass the motion favouring the return of capital punishment for certain acts of planned and deliberate murder.

[Translation]

OPPOSITION TO RENTAL INCREASES FOR MAISON D'AMITIÉ

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to table eight petitions signed by people from my riding. The petitions meet the requirements of Standing Order 106.

These petitions are signed by residents from several areas in my riding, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your Honourable House will therefor provide a remedy.

They say that according to a report published by the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, one woman out of eight is subjected to psychological, economic, sexual or verbal violence by her spouse; that at a time when the Government should act instead of cracking down, the National Capital Commission intends to raise the rent for La Maison d'Amitié, the only francophone non-profit organization in the area for women and children in distress, by more than \$3,000 a month; that the Prime Minister stated recently in the House that the problem of battered women is one of the most serious social and legal challenges facing us today; therefore your