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**CO-OPERATIVE ENERGY CORPORATION AND
COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY ENGINEERING
BOARD**

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORTS

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I am pleased to table in both official languages the 1990 annual report of the Co-operative Energy Corporation and the annual report of the Columbia River Treaty Engineering Board to the governments of the United States and Canada for the period of October 1, 1989 to September 30, 1990.

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

CANADA-JAPAN INTERPARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, in 1985 Prime Minister Mulroney of Canada and former Prime Minister Nakasone of Japan, with the good offices of the Speaker of Canada, initiated the Canada-Japan Interparliamentary Association.

I am pleased to report today that the association has flourished and completed exchanges between the Parliament of Canada and the Diet of Japan on an annual basis.

This report which I am tabling today deals with the second annual meeting held in Japan this past June. Canadian delegates brought to the discussion table many important bilateral issues, including the SPF lumber issue, driftnet fishing, as well as agricultural, trade and investment issues.

We will continue to raise these issues. Also, we were pleased to accomplish a cultural exchange between Japan and Canada and we are working to establish a program to exchange young leaders between the Parliament of Canada and the Diet of Japan.

This report details some of these activities and I am very pleased and proud to present it to the House today.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSEHOUSE MANAGEMENT—NINTH REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the ninth report of the Standing Committee on House Management regarding the selection of votable items among Private Members' Business. Pursuant to Standing Order 92(2), this report is deemed adopted when laid upon the table.

HOUSE MANAGEMENT—TENTH REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the tenth report of the Standing Committee on House Management.

NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS—FIRST
REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs on Canada's Merchant Marines.

The Merchant Marines were vital to World War II. More than 70 Canadian ships were sunk at sea and the death rate in the Merchant Marines was nearly 10 per cent compared to 4 per cent in all other forces. They were under military command and discipline. They were frequently attacked and under-protected. Much has been done to advance the plight of the Merchant Marines over the past 15 years.

The Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs believes that if the recommendations of this report are followed that justice will have been significantly advanced and the role of the Merchant Marines in the defence of freedom will finally have been recognized.

We commend our recommendations to the government.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]