

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 15, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to the four petitions numbered as follows: 332-3104, and 332-3202 to 332-3204, inclusive.

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[*English*]

JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to the first report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General entitled "Open and Shut". The response is entitled "The Steps Ahead".

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT OF CANADIAN NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101 I have the honour to present to the House, in both official languages, the twenty-fifth report of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association.

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

CUSTOMS TARIFF

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Doug Lewis (for the Minister of State Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-87, an Act respecting the imposition of duties of customs and other charges to give effect to the international convention on the harmonized commodity description and coding system, to provide relief against the imposition of certain duties of customs or other charges, to provide for other related matters, and to amend or repeal certain Acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister shall have leave to introduce this Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

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PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO DESTAFFING WEST COAST LIGHTHOUSES

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition from a number of residents of Gold River and Tahsis, British Columbia, who would have the House of Commons insist that the Government abandon its plan to automate and destaff light stations along the coast of British Columbia in the interest of safety and improvement to navigation.

The petitioners are in favour of the imposition of a moratorium and are certainly in favour of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Crosbie) attending the public hearings in Campbell River, British Columbia, on October 29, 1987.

[*Translation*]

OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON HOUSING

Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling a petition signed by residents of Toronto and London, Ontario, in which they object to the Government's housing policy. This being the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, they believe that the Government's definition of essential needs is preventing hundreds of thousands of Canadians living below the poverty line from receiving Government housing assistance.