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**JUSTICE AND THE SOLICITOR GENERAL**

## 10TH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Bob Horner (Mississauga West):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the 10th report of the Standing Committee on Justice and the Solicitor General.

In accordance with its order of reference of Tuesday, March 31, 1992, your committee has considered the draft regulations on gun control and has agreed to report it with 37 recommendations.

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

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**STATISTICS ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-356, an act to amend the Statistics Act and other acts in consequence thereof.

**Mr. Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

**Mr. Langdon:** Mr. Speaker, this bill attempts to establish a status for Statistics Canada which is more independent than the present position it has. This desire to achieve greater independence for the agency comes after attempts by the finance department to pressure Statistics Canada to make changes in withdrawals in a study which Statistics Canada presented earlier this past year. It is for this reason that I think the need arises to establish more clearly the independence from government pressure of Statistics Canada so it will be able to report directly, clearly, and honestly to the people of Canada.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps I should advise the House that the hon. member for Essex—Windsor was out of time in the filing of material. However, with consent I would be very pleased to proceed. Do we have consent?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Langdon moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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**PETITIONS**

## PROUD TO BE CANADIAN

**Miss Deborah Grey (Beaver River):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I would like to present two petitions from many people in the riding of Beaver River, from Bonnyville, Ardmore, Medley, Grand Centre and Cold Lake.

These people recognize the Proud to be Canadian project that was undertaken by the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada. The flags travelled across the country and they, along with these petitions, were sent down to celebrate that Canada is a wonderful country.

The petitioners support the Proud to be Canadian project as an opportunity to nurture a positive, life-long relationship with our heritage and our flag, to encourage stronger ties among all Canadians for the further advancement of Canada as a leader in world circles and to promote our tremendous pride in being Canadians.

## WATER DIVERSION

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of the North Thompson Valley who point out their concern regarding a plan to divert water from the North Thompson River near Valemount into the California area. The petitioners call upon the Canadian government to prohibit any notion of this type of interbasin water transfer.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by a number of veterans from Kamloops, British Columbia. They call on the government to maintain the current level of services provided to veterans through the Veterans Independence Program and to assure there is no increase in charges to veterans for board and lodging in institutions for long-term care.

## NATIONAL REFERENDUM

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, on another matter, the petitioners call on the House of Commons to ensure that if a referendum is called regarding the Constitution that it be binding upon Parliament although they realize this is impossible technically but simply to reflect the views of the petitioners.