

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, July 18, 1988

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Richard Grisé (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Ministry's response to the five petitions bearing the numbers 332-4722, 332-4785, 332-4812, 332-4830 and 332-4836.

[*Editor's note: See today's Votes and Proceeding.*]

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

MEASURE TO CHANGE NAME OF CHAPLEAU CONSTITUENCY

Mrs. Claudy Mailly (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue) asked for leave to table Bill C-308, an Act to change the name of the electoral district of Chapleau.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of this House that the Hon. Member introduce this Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mrs. Maily: Mr. Speaker, when the electoral map was being re-drawn, the Commission suggested that the whole rural section of my riding be amputated, and it chose as the new name for the new riding that was thus created, the name of Chapleau.

Because of representations made by the residents of my riding, including the mayors of all the rural municipalities that did not want to be amputated from the riding of Gatineau, the judge decided not to change the structure of my riding.

But inadvertently the new name was kept, Chapleau.

Mr. Speaker, we have nothing but respect for Mr. Chapleau as a figure in our history, but he has no association, either geographical or historical or emotional, with the Gatineau region.

I therefore ask this House to permit me to return to the former name, adding to it "La Lièvre", which is the other river valley in my riding, so that the name for the new riding would be "Gatineau—La Lièvre", with the same structure we had before, that is, 80 per cent rural. It would be much fairer, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of this House to adopt the Motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the first time.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read a second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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● (1110)

[*English*]

PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-33—DEINDEXATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS' PENSIONS

Mr. Jack Harris (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition which has been certified as correct as to form, pursuant to Standing Order 106, from a number of residents of St. John's, Holyrood, Torbay, Bay Bulls, Goulds, Portugal Cove and other communities in Newfoundland, who state that the Conservative Government, through Bill C-33, seeks to deindex the pensions of federal public servants who now have complete protection through full linkage to the Consumer Price Index, and that the Government has insisted on dropping full indexing for public servants. The undersigned petitioners pray and call upon Parliament to reject Bill C-33 as regressive, unfair, untimely and against the best interests of public servants and all Canadians, and that Parliament affirm full indexing to the Consumer Price Index as the model for inflation protection for all Canadians.