

*Committee Reports*

these are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

[Translation]

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**PETITIONS****GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to thirty petitions.

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

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[English]

**LAW REFORM COMMISSION OF CANADA****TABLING OF 17TH ANNUAL REPORT**

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I have the honour to lay upon the table copies, in both official languages, of the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Law Reform Commission of Canada.

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**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE****REPORT OF STRIKING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the Twelfth Report of the Striking Committee.

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**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE****NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS—FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the First Report of the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs.

[Translation]

**TABLING OF THIRD REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS**

**Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Third Report of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations.

[English]

The report concerns the formal documents regulations made under Section 4 of the Seals Act. These regulations specify the classes of public documents which must be passed under the Royal Seals. It is the view of the Joint Committee that the current regulations are invalid in that they were not approved by Her Majesty the Queen as required by Section 4 of the Seals Act.

[Translation]

The predecessor of the present Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs disagreed with the Committee's views but nevertheless agreed to table a Bill to amend the Seals Act in order to remove the requirement which provides that the regulations must be approved by the Sovereign.

[English]

As noted in the Third Report, "It will be for Parliament to decide whether to amend the Act in this fashion". The only recommendation of the Joint Committee is that any proposed legislation retroactively validate the existing regulations for greater certainty. I invite Hon. Members who wish a more complete explanation of the issues involved to read the Third Report of the Joint Committee.

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**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE****COMMUNICATIONS, CULTURE, CITIZENSHIP AND MULTICULTURALISM—FIRST AND SECOND REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the First and Second Reports of the Standing Committee on Communications, Culture, Citizenship and Multiculturalism. The First Report deals with the committee's unanimous decision to request the re-establishment of the Standing Committee on Multiculturalism and Citizenship. The