

CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions, with the exception of one, presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, December 12, 1984, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

WORLD PEACE AND DISARMAMENT

Mr. Speaker: The petition presented by the Hon. Member for London West (Mr. Hockin) does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

WEEKLY STATEMENT

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleague, the Government House Leader, a question to enable him to set before the House the business he proposes for the House for the coming week.

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of State (Government House Leader)): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to respond to my hon. colleague and to the House. We are ending this part of the session and are coming to the Christmas recess. We appear to be making progress on some items of legislation and I must say I appreciate the co-operation extended by both opposition Parties in this regard. I think this demonstrates to Canadians that we can make legislative progress while having sincere and good debates on the issues on which there may be differences.

I would like to bring forward some items on which we may make progress over the course of the next three days. Today we will carry on with the consideration of the Bill relating to Investment Canada, Bill C-15. Tomorrow I would like to call Bill C-8, the Bill with respect to the PGRT, for second reading and I think there might be a disposition to deal with all stages of that Bill in the House of Commons tomorrow. If we can complete that Bill tomorrow, I propose that we return to the debate on Investment Canada at the end of the day if we have not completed it by then.

On Monday it is my intention to call Bill C-13, a Bill relating to public works in Canada. Again, my understanding is that there may be a disposition to deal with that Bill in all stages including Committee of the Whole. If we complete the consideration of that Bill on Monday, it would be my intention to return to Bill C-15, relating to Investment Canada.

I think my hon. friend and I should keep in touch with each other. There will be further discussions that will take place with respect to progress on legislation which we hope to have the House deal with before the Christmas recess. At this point in time I propose only to deal with the business up until the end of Monday. I will give the assurance that I will consult with my colleagues in the opposition Parties with respect to business for the rest of the week. However, I think that depends very much on the progress that is made. Of course,

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the business that I have announced is always subject to the usual caveat that it may be changed in the event that circumstances or priorities change.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS—FIRST REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report, Statutory Instruments No. 28, of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, in both official languages.

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the second report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs, in both official languages.

[*Editor's Note: For above reports see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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CALL FOR REINSTATEMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, to the honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned residents of the District of Muskoka in the Province of Ontario, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will thereafter provide a remedy, humbly—

Mr. Speaker: With great respect, I rise to advise the Hon. Member, as I have advised other Hon. Members, that he is in fact reading the petition. He should simply provide the House with a short summary or synopsis of the purpose and intent of the petition as opposed to reading it.

Mr. Darling: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This petition deals with the return of capital punishment and the undersigned hope that this House will give serious consideration to this. Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reinstate the death penalty for the murders of police officers and prison guards and for premeditated murder.