

*Petition*

my colleagues as to when we will recoup the four hours of government time which will be lost if we do not sit on Monday. We would like to recoup those four hours in the following week or weeks. Hopefully, we will be in a position sometime next week to agree to a House order.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Madam Speaker, there has been this discussion, and it is my understanding that there are four hours of government time to be recouped. We can certainly agree with respect to that.

**Mr. Paproski:** What about December 25?

**Mr. Knowles:** Madam Speaker, may I also indicate our agreement so that hon. members will know that the House will not be sitting on November 10. That includes an agreement later on to decide when to recover the four hours of government time that will be lost.

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**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISABLED AND HANDICAPPED**

First Report of Special Committee on the Disabled and Handicapped—Mr. Smith.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[Translation]

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND OIL SUBSTITUTION**

**Mr. Thomas H. Lefebvre (Pontiac-Gatineau-Labelle):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table the first report of the Special Committee on Alternative Energy and Oil Substitution.

With the consent of the House, I move that the report be concurred in later today.

[Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

**PETITION**

MR. MANLY—WEST COAST OIL TANKER TRAFFIC

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Madam Speaker, on behalf of my constituents in Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands and other concerned residents of British Columbia, I wish to present a petition to this House. The

petition expresses our great concern about the growing threat of oil tanker traffic on Canada's Pacific coast. It calls upon Parliament to oppose this threat to the Canadian environment and to ask the National Energy Board to hold local hearings in communities directly threatened by any oil port or oil route proposals.

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[Translation]

**ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AND OIL SUBSTITUTION**

CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

**Mr. Thomas H. Lefebvre (Pontiac-Gatineau-Labelle):** Madam Speaker, following an arrangement between parties, I move that the first report of the Special Committee on Alternative Energy and Oil Substitution be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 306, 1,212, 1,484, 1,485, 1,488 and 1,502.

I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

**ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES**

Question No. 306—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. During the past five years, what amount was contributed by Canada to the Organization of American States and for what purpose?
2. Is the government considering a membership in the OAS?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. As Canada is not a member of the OAS, Canada has not contributed to the budget of the OAS. Through CIDA, Canada has contributed \$778,000 toward a rural co-operative development project managed by the OAS. Canada is a full member of, and does contribute to, some specialized inter-american agencies, such as the Pan-American Health Organization, the Inter-American Development Bank, Pan American Institute of Geography and History and the Inter-American Indian Institute. However, these organizations are independent of the OAS.

2. The government has considered the question of becoming a full member of the OAS and has decided at this time not to apply for full membership. However, Canada maintains a permanent observer mission to the Organization of American States.