

Petitions

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Arsenault: Madam Speaker, I would like to thank you and Hon. Members for giving me this opportunity to introduce a bill whose purpose is to change the name of my riding of Restigouche by adding the name of Chaleur.

My reasons for introducing this Bill are quite simple. The name Restigouche does not adequately reflect my riding. It refers to the Restigouche River and Restigouche county, but unfortunately, does not reflect the presence of the Chaleur region.

Madam Speaker, the role of a Member of Parliament is to represent his entire riding before the Parliament of Canada, and I believe that the change proposed in this Bill will have the effect of giving my riding a name that will more adequately reflect the regions it covers.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): When shall the Bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**DEFERRAL OF DIVISIONS**

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Madam Speaker, there have been discussions among the Parties with a view to accommodating the Members vis-à-vis the Speaker's garden party. I think Your Honour will find that unanimous consent for my putting the following motion immediately and without debate:

That any recorded division requested today will be deferred until 6 p.m., Monday, June 19, 1989.

It is the Government's intention to call only the two Bills on the projected order of business. They are Bill C-11, to continue third reading, and Bill C-10, resuming debate at second reading.

• (1530)

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Does the Hon. Minister have the consent of the House to move the motion?

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, we certainly agree with the motion, although I do not believe it will be necessary.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS**VIA RAIL SERVICES**

Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt): Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honour to rise and present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36, in which some 50 residents of various towns in Ontario point out, among other things, that the Government's deregulation of air passenger service has dramatized the need for safe, convenient, economical, rapid, and environmentally sound alternative passenger service.

They pray and call upon Parliament to improve and modernize VIA Rail service in the areas of the country where it can provide a more rapid, economical, safe, convenient, environmentally sound, and energy efficient alternative to other means of transportation.

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Saskatoon—Humboldt): Madam Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present a petition on behalf of a number of Canadian citizens who recognize that VIA Rail is an important part of the transportation system, particularly in the Quebec-Windsor corridor.

They call upon the Government to recognize the need for that kind of service and to make it available to Canadians generally.

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Madam Speaker, I too rise under the provisions of Standing Order 36 to present a petition signed by several people from the Windsor, Ontario area.