

Routine Proceedings

Some hon. members: Agreed.

An hon. member: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is not consent.

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PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS**CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): Mr. Speaker, if the House gives its consent, I would move that the first report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, presented to the House earlier this day, be concurred in.

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, we have not had an opportunity to look at the report. I wish the member would give us the time to reflect on it before concurring in it.

Mr. Lee: Very well, Mr. Speaker.

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PETITIONS**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, once again it is an honour and a privilege to present a petition on behalf of a number of constituents from Kamloops, Clearwater, Logan Lake and Avola, British Columbia, who are concerned that the government has decided to cut back on support for the RCMP. They are concerned that this may result in increased levels of lawlessness and obviously reduce the effectiveness in terms of offering police protection. They are calling upon Parliament to urge the government to restore proper funding to the RCMP so that it is able to fulfil its mandate and role as the only visible and viable police force for communities across British Columbia and remain as a visible and viable symbol of Canadian unity.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. John Brewin (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I also have the honour to present a petition to the House pursuant to Standing Order 36. This petition deals with the CBC and expresses the concerns of many residents of Victoria about the cutbacks to the CBC. They urge the govern-

ment to consider restoring proper funding to the CBC so that it can fulfil its mandate and they urge the government to re-examine its priorities in this area and look to the issue of CBC's service in the capital city of British Columbia, the city of Victoria.

VIA RAIL

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to present yet another petition from 150 residents of northwestern Ontario, from Schreiber to Thunder Bay to Kenora to Keewatin.

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All of these petitioners have one thing in common. They are supporters of rail passenger services. Unfortunately, they have another thing in common. None of them have access to it any more.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to support the NDP plan to restore VIA Rail service, —which was cut on January 15, 1990—maintain and where appropriate upgrade remote services on which many Canadians rely, provide a legislative mandate for VIA Rail and make available to VIA the resources which it needs to become a modern, passenger rail system in a class with those throughout the rest of the western world.

In short, they want to put Canada back on track.

TAXATION

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition to the House today signed by residents from primarily the Prince George, B.C., area.

They call upon Parliament to bring in a fair tax system.

CANADA POST

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition presented to me by 132 members of the community of Briercrest, Saskatchewan, which is a small community in the southern part of my riding.

The petitioners are concerned about the loss of their post office and other post offices throughout rural Canada. They know that the post office is an integral part of rural Canada. They call upon this government to reverse its policy on closing or converting rural post