

Routine Proceedings

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Members of the House should get a copy of the report as quickly as they can. If they find flaws in it they can let us know. We need to move quickly if these changes are to be in place. We are suggesting again to cabinet that maybe 14 days is appropriate to return to the House with a bill with suggested amendments.

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[Translation]

**INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
REGIONAL AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT**

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval-Ouest): Mr. Speaker, today it is my privilege to present, in both official languages, a copy of the report of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology, Regional and Northern Development, on a subject that is important to all Canadians. The report entitled "Beyond Excellence", deals with the future of Canada's networks of centres of excellence.

You may recall that in 1989 the Government of Canada created centres of excellence in universities and industry to keep Canadian researchers in this country. In the course of the committee's hearings, we met many people who submitted briefs to the committee and who confirmed this was an excellent initiative for the future of our researchers, our young people and Canada.

Over a period of four years the government has invested \$240 million, funds which were put to good use, as confirmed by the reports we received.

Our report's first recommendation is to make these centres of excellence permanent. The program would have to be automatically renewed after every four or five year period and thus remain as a tool essential to the future of this country.

Since this report is probably the last one before the summer recess, I would like to take a few moments to thank all members who worked with us this year. I see the member for Willowdale, our vice-chairman. I would like to thank him and our support staff as well. I may add that the clerk of the committee, Ms. Fisher, and our researcher, Ms. Fawcett, made an invaluable contribution to the work of our committee.

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

[English]

INDOOR AIR QUALITY ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Rex Crawford (Kent) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-430, an act relating to indoor air quality.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Crawford: Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today on behalf of my constituents to introduce a bill entitled an act relating to indoor air quality. It seeks to regulate indoor air contaminants in all federal department buildings and Crown corporations while setting national standards for provinces to follow.

It arises out of the closing of health and welfare's district headquarters in Chatham, the Judy LaMarsh Building, after the fumes from renovations sent 235 employees home for one week. Sick building syndrome has been described as the illness of the nineties by leading doctors.

The purpose of this bill is to promote improvement in the quality of indoor air in Canada. It calls on the federal government to conduct extensive research and to formulate plans and designs for the control and abatement of indoor air contamination.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Mr. Crawford moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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PETITIONS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, in the first instance the petitioners are asking Parliament to ensure that the CRTC takes a hard look at the type of language used on radio and television to supposedly entertain and inform.