

Petitions

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, what are we going to do about the Opposition Day is quite a legitimate question because the fact is that one of us has to be prepared to put down a motion for debate within the next hour and a half. That does pose somewhat of a problem. However, I do want to apologize to the Government House Leader for allowing his legislation to get past second reading. I thought the Government wanted the legislation to go to committee, and I want to assure him that the Bill will take a long time to pass. It has only just been referred to committee.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the comments made by members of the Opposition. I tried to consult with them concerning the disposition of business, as I always do. The fact is we did make progress and so the government Party is always in the position, and we are quite prepared to do so, to receive notice before six o'clock of any opposition motion. We do not require a long time to defend our record because it is a very defensible and wonderful record. On the other hand, if the opposition Parties cannot find anything to debate, they should let me know and I will try maybe to give them some help on how to operate as an Opposition.

● (1530)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS**PRESENTATION OF THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the third report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs in both official languages. As this relates to Bill C-18, the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, I am sure that Members will be interested in directing their attention to this Bill.

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

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PETITIONS**ASSISTANCE FOR SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY**

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by 225 residents, mostly from the Province of Alberta, requesting assistance for the sugar beet industry in that province.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition signed by a number of residents from the Province of Manitoba requesting assistance for the sugar beet industry.

[Translation]

SITUATION OF QUEBEC SUGAR PRODUCERS

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by the Quebec sugar producers, drawing the attention of the House to the worst crisis ever experienced in the history of sugar production in Quebec.

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[English]

RAOUL WALLENBERG HONORARY CITIZENSHIP ACT**MEASURE TO ENACT**

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton-Lawrence) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-233 to proclaim Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of Canada, and requesting his return to freedom.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. de Corneille: Today I have the honour and privilege to introduce a Bill to make Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of Canada. It is a Bill which doubtless is of special interest to the Speaker himself. This Bill is intended as a one-time unique response and is not intended to set a precedent.

During World War II in Budapest, Hungary, this Swedish diplomat, at great risk to his life, saved tens of thousands of Jews who otherwise would have gone to the gas chambers of Auschwitz, by making these people honorary citizens of Sweden.

In a non-partisan and unified effort, we can do for him what he did for others and try to save his life by making him an honorary citizen of Canada. This will give him the opportunity to impress upon his—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member knows that this time is allowed for a very short summary of the purpose of the Bill. I take it that the Hon. Member is concluding his remarks.

Mr. de Corneille: I just want to add one thing. This will give us the opportunity to impress upon his Soviet captors for 40 years that this man is revered enough by Canadians to make him one of us and thereby justify our right to speak on his behalf.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member will know that the Speaker must officially disapprove of all bootlegging. I refer specifically to the Hon. Member's earlier comment in his remarks.

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