

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 6, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PETITIONS

#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF NCC PARKLAND

**Mr. Speaker:** I remind Hon. Members to indicate that their petitions are certified.

**Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, the petition I wish to present is definitely certified. Again it concerns the issue of the proposal of the NCC to build an embassy enclave in the Mile Circle parkland in my riding. The 83 persons who have signed this particular petition are all very much opposed to the proposal and come from all the cities within the National Capital Region.

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### CRIMINAL CODE

#### AMENDMENT RESPECTING PROSTITUTION

**Mr. Jim Jepson (London East)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-273, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (prostitution).

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Jepson:** Mr. Speaker, this amendment would increase the maximum imprisonment for six months to five years when an accused is found guilty of participating in an act of prostitution with a person under the age of 18 years. It will be no defence that the accused believed the prostitute to be age 18 years old or over.

Canadians are greatly concerned about the increasing sexual abuse of young people. This Bill will provide a strong and effective deterrent to customers of juvenile prostitutes.

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

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**Mr. Fennell:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I either did not hear Your Honour call for the presentation of reports from committees or it was missed. I wonder whether I could

present the twenty-first report of the standing committee with unanimous consent.

**Mr. Speaker:** Of course there is one other possibility with regard to what happened. I am sure the House is perfectly willing to consent to returning to the presentation of committee reports.

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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[Translation]

### STRIKING COMMITTEE

#### PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Twenty-First Report of the Striking Committee.

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

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[English]

### PATENT ACT

#### AMENDMENT RESPECTING GENERIC FARM CHEMICALS

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-274, an Act to amend the Patent Act (generic farm chemicals).

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Nystrom:** Mr. Speaker, this particular Bill would amend the Patent Act regarding farm chemicals. It will reduce the exclusive right farm chemical companies have on a patent from 17 years to 4 years and in effect establish generic farm chemicals. It is very similar to what the country did many years ago with generic pharmaceuticals.

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