

of the House, he must accuse the other member of a serious charge, and to say that a member misled the House does not constitute a serious charge.

On the other hand, if a member admits to the House that he lied to the House or otherwise deliberately misled the House, that could be made the subject of a motion for contempt or of a reference to the committee. But such is not the case here, and I therefore cannot find that a prima facie case exists.

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## PETITIONS

### TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table reports of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petitions presented by hon. members on Monday, December 14, 1981, and finds that they meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### PRESENTATION OF SIXTH REPORT

**Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour of presenting as the sixth report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, in both official languages, the interim report of the sub-committee on Canada's relations with Latin America and the Caribbean, which has been considered and approved by the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

The chairman of the sub-committee, the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Dupras), has completed his preliminary study, and the House has given us until April 30 of next year to present the final report.

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

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[English]

### McDOUGALL ROYAL COMMISSION

#### TABLING OF REPORT ON CONDITIONS OF FOREIGN SERVICE

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table copies, in both official languages, of the report of the

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McDougall Royal Commission on Conditions of Foreign Service.

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[Translation]

### HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

#### TABLING OF REPORT ON UREA FORMALDEHYDE

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the report on the national testing survey to the Board of Review by the UFFI Information and Co-ordination Centre.

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[English]

### PETITIONS

#### MR. WENMAN—PROCEDURE RESPECTING PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

**Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West):** Madam Speaker, I have the duty and responsibility to present a petition on behalf of 114 citizens. The nature of this petition is to support my efforts in this House of Commons to protest the limitation on the right of a private member to present common grievances of his constituents by way of a public petition.

The purpose of this petition is to effect changes to current parliamentary procedure respecting petitions so that a Member of Parliament may read the content of a petition upon presentation to the House of Commons.

These petitioners hope that since this may constitute a matter of present personal grievance as delineated by Your Honour's ruling of November 9, 1981, Your Honour shall use the discretionary powers vested in your office to allow the matter of this petition to be read and either brought into immediate discussion or referred to a committee so that some remedy may be found for this complaint respecting direct access of constituents to the House of Commons and the Parliament of Canada.

● (1510)

#### MR. RAE—CHARTER OF FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

**Mr. Bob Rae (Broadview-Greenwood):** Madam Speaker, I would like to present to the House a petition signed by 1,083 women and men from across Canada with regard to the provision of a charter of fundamental human rights and freedoms. While the House has already spoken on this issue, I think it is an important principle that deserves to be on the record of the House. I would like to present this petition to the House at this time.