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Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

# **PRIVILEGE**

#### DIVISION BELLS IN SOUTH BLOCK

Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, I will make my point very briefly. It concerns the bells in the South Block. It is still not possible to hear bells on the south side of the South Block. We can hear faint bells ringing in one corridor but not in the other, Mr. Speaker. I bring this matter to your attention and hope that we will not have to experience this situation again.

#### Petitions

Mr. Speaker: I will take the Hon. Member's intervention under advisement and will report back to the House.

# CANADA REFERENDUM AND PLEBISCITE ACT

#### MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Patrick Boyer (Etobicoke—Lakeshore) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-201, an Act respecting referendums and plebiscites in Canada on questions of public importance.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Boyer: Mr. Speaker, this Bill is one that is enabling legislation for the holding of a national referendum or plebiscite in Canada on issues of transcending national importance.

Briefly, this constitutes a complete code for the holding of such votes. Several of the provinces have legislation along this line. All of the municipalities are able to consult their citizens directly, and the purpose of this Bill would be to provide the Government of Canada with this democratic instrument for the occasional questions of transcending national importance that ought to be put directly to the people for an expression of popular will.

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

## **PETITIONS**

### **CHILD ABUSE**

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to present a petition signed by 4,500 citizens of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell who want to bring a very serious matter to the House of Commons.

They are asking Parliament to intervene in the very important issue of child abuse.