

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, October 9, 1990

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 11 petitions.

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

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ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

TABLING AND REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of State (Youth), Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1), these are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

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[*English*]

AIRPORT TRANSFER (MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS) ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-85, an act to provide for certain

matters respecting official languages, employees' pensions and labour relations in connection with the transfer of certain airports.

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

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PETITIONS

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by numerous residents of Mississauga, Ontario, who are opposed to the goods and services tax.

The Minister of Transport may find it surprising that the people in Mississauga, who have no member to stand up and present such a petition for them in this House, are having to present it through me. They are delighted to use their ancient right to come to Parliament and object to the goods and services tax and particularly the tax on books and printed material.

These petitioners take the view, as do millions of other Canadians, that the taxation of books is inherently bad and the goods and services tax, which proposes to do exactly that, is a bad tax and ought not to be passed by Parliament. They call upon Parliament to reject that tax.

BILL C-21

Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to rise and present a petition under Standing Order 36.

The petitioners are 41 in number. They are from the three villages of Redcliffe, Tickle Cove and Openhall. These small communities in Newfoundland have no industry and have nothing really except fishing and the grocery stores that keep them going.

They are very much against Bill C-21. While Bill C-21 is being considered as it is now, their interest is in having the variable entrance requirement reintroduced so that they will qualify for unemployment insurance after 10 weeks as opposed to 14 weeks, which would make it impossible for them.