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private Bills brought forward. I would like to remind the Hon. Member that Bill C-628, an Act to amend the Criminal Code concerning computer crime, has been on the books for almost two years, and I have almost begged the Minister of Justice and other people involved to bring forth this Bill. So certainly there are Bills ready to go on Private Members' day and I thought the Government House leader should know that.

*[Translation]*

**Mr. Pinard:** I shall remember that, Madam Speaker. The problem is that the Hon. Member may be ready but not necessarily on the day we want the Bill to be debated. Of course, the Bill is ready to be debated, but when we call Members, sometimes we are told: Yes, I am ready, but not tomorrow, I would rather do it next week or the week after. We had quite a few problems getting ready for last Wednesday, and I am told that this has also been the case for tomorrow's sitting. So I repeat what I said, and my statement stands.

*[English]*

**Mr. Taylor:** Madam Speaker, the Government House Leader implies I have been called and had turned down the opportunity. I have never been called up. I am ready to go any time I am called. I am begging to go; it is an important Bill.

**Madam Speaker:** I am sure the Hon. President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) will take note of that.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

*[English]***PETITIONS**

MR. CULLEN—THE PLIGHT OF THE PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN SARNIA

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Sarnia-Lambton):** Madam Speaker, I have a petition signed by 11,000 of my constituents. The wording of the petition is theirs, and is as follows:

To the Honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth tha, the Petrochemical industry is in trouble in Sarnia and in Canada because of the federal Government's Petrochemical Feedstock Taxation Policy; and that thousands of jobs are in jeopardy in both the short and the long term; and

That Canada's petrochemical industry—

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Cullen:** It is hard to hear, what I am saying. The petition goes on:

—is a major manufacturing sector contributing to Canada's economy, and Canada needs it; and

That the Chemical Valley in Sarnia is one of Canada's most important petrochemical centres; and

That Sarnia and all its citizens are concerned for the future of the industry, their community, their families, and indeed the country; and

That there is inequality in the costs of petrochemical feedstocks between the industry in Eastern Canada and Western Canada.

**Madam Speaker:** Order. I am afraid the Hon. Member is taking some latitude in what is allowed in presenting a Petition. The title of the Petition should be read out in the House and that is about all.

**Mr. Cullen:** Madam Speaker, I appreciate that censure. The problem I have is that the wording was prepared by them and is not mine. The wording is that of the petitioners who felt they were complying with the rules. I think they might feel they were shortchanged if I had not read it all, so I will just finish up with the prayer.

**Madam Speaker:** The Hon. Member, who knows the rules, might have advised them of what they could do.

**Mr. Cullen:** Madam Speaker, I agree that is right, and next time I am sure they will ask me. I thank you for the admonition. The prayer is:

As in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

*[Translation]*

MR. HERBERT—CENTRAL AMERICA—REQUEST THAT CANADA ESTABLISH A SOCIAL AID POLICY

**Mr. Hal Herbert (Vaudreuil):** Madam Speaker, I should like to table a petition on behalf of the Development and Peace Movement of the Vaudreuil-Soulanges area. It is signed by 3,424 of my constituents who urge the Canadian Government to denounce human rights violations in El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras, to develop its own economic assistance policy with regard to Central American countries, and to support the organizations which champion human rights in those countries.

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*[English]***ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT**

AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF DAUPHIN

**Mr. Laverne Lewycky (Dauphin)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-672, to change the name of the electoral district of Dauphin.

• (1540)

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. I see the Hon. Member wants to make a brief statement. I am sorry, but we have passed that time and he did not rise. Will the House agree to allow the Hon. Member to make a brief statement?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Lewycky:** Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I have just a brief comment on the background of the Bill.