

*Tabling of Documents*

debate. In fact, those were not two full days. This was just before the adjournment.

Six members from my Party, including myself, spoke on the debate. I believe an equal number of members from the New Democratic Party spoke on the debate. For some reason Conservative Members chose not to participate in the debate.

I am sure that the Hon. Member would not want to mislead the House by suggesting that two days of debate and 12 speakers on a major tax Bill constitutes undue delay as opposed to responsible comment.

**Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, in response to the Hon. Member's point of order, it was certainly not my intention to mislead the House. I think that if she were to check the "blues" she would find that the words which she has attributed to me about delay are indeed true. I talked about being delayed by the Opposition in general terms. I did not use a term such as "undue delay" or the sort of words that she has described.

My concern about this Bill, and I acknowledge it is a significant tax Bill, is that the clause to which I have expressed a concern is the clause that deals frankly with the fuel tax rebate. In my part of the country, as in all agricultural areas of Canada, there is a considerable interest in ensuring that federal fuel tax rebates are prolonged and extended by the Government. That was my reason for asking the question. I was concerned.

**Mr. Speaker:** I might indicate that this is perhaps straying beyond a point of order, but out of respect for the Hon. Member for Trinity I will hear her briefly.

**Miss Nicholson:** Mr. Speaker, I do not want to prolong this matter. I cannot help but comment on the fact that if the Government had not imposed the additional tax there would not be a need for the rebate the Hon. Member talks about.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** It is perhaps time to close off this exchange.

## CORRECTION TO STATEMENT

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Yesterday, during the Adjournment Debate as reported at page 14407 of *Hansard* I referred in the closing paragraph to Bill C-84. The Bill should be Bill C-79. If our permanent record were to reflect that fact, then future historians would have a better record of what we were talking about.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

## TELESAT CANADA

TABLING OF 1987 ANNUAL REPORT

**Mr. Roger Clinch (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 67(2), I have the honour of tabling the 1987 Annual Report of Telesat.

● (1510)

[English]

According to Standing Order 67(4) the report is to be referred to the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture.

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## PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to 33 petitions, Nos. 332-3944, 332-3983, 332-3984, 332-4041 to 332-4046 inclusive, 332-4102, 332-4104, 332-4143, 332-4147, 332-4148, 332-4163, 332-4164, 332-4229, 332-4237 to 332-4239 inclusive, and 332-4285 to 332-4297 inclusive.

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## STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the fifty-eighth report of the Striking Committee.

If the House gives its consent, Mr. Speaker, I intend to move concurrence in the fifty-eighth report later this day.

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

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## PETITIONS

CALL FOR END TO HOSTILITIES IN ETHIOPIA

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition I would like to present on behalf of