

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, May 18, 1989

The House met at 11 a.m.

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*Prayers*

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### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

#### DEPARTMENT OF MULTICULTURALISM AND CITIZENSHIP ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

**Hon. Gerry Weiner (Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship))(for Mr. Mulroney)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-18, an Act to establish the Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship and to amend certain Acts in relation thereto.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the said Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Weiner:** Mr. Speaker, as Secretary of State and Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, I am honoured today to introduce a Bill concerning the establishment of a Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, I remain confident that I can count on the cooperation of all Hon. Members for quick approval of this Bill.

[*English*]

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Vancouver East on a point of order.

**Ms. Mitchell:** In support of this Bill to establish a new and separate Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship, it is appropriate at this point to have clarification from the government House Leader, the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lewis), as to whether we might also have reconsideration of the request that has been made by

many ethno-cultural groups, and which was a commitment, together with the establishment of the Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship, to have a separate Standing Committee on Multiculturalism.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Vancouver East has raised a point which she may wish to pursue at another time.

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#### CANADIAN EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada)(for Mr. Epp)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-19, an Act to amend the Canadian Exploration and Development Incentive Program Act.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the said Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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

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#### PETITIONS

SUPPORT FOR THE PORT OF CHURCHILL

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, first I note that in yesterday's petition the *Hansard* reporter thought that one of the communities in Saskatchewan was Borneo. I want to indicate that Borneo is not a community in Saskatchewan, it is a country elsewhere in the world. When I indicated there were a number of communities outside the Churchill riding that supported the Port of Churchill, I did not include the country of Borneo.

However, today I have another 500 people who support the Port of Churchill. They are from the communities of Churchill, The Pas, Flin Flon, Cumberland House which is in Saskatchewan, Rose Valley, Saskatchewan, Wanless, Norway House, Cross Lake, McDowell, Prince Albert, and White Fox, Saskatchewan. Other communities include Thompson, Lynn Lake, Swan River, Waterhen, Meadow Portage, Creighton, Saskatchewan,