

PRESENCE IN GALLERY

The Speaker: I draw the attention of hon. members to the presence in the gallery of His Excellency Kim Doo-Hee, Minister of Justice, Republic of Korea.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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POINTS OF ORDER

CLERK OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

Hon. Sheila Copps (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I know all members join with the Prime Minister and the government in welcoming the arrival of the new Clerk of the Privy Council. It is the first time a woman has held the most senior position in the bureaucracy in the Government of Canada.

I rise on a point of order because as she is a public servant she cannot defend herself. Clearly in the press reports this morning there are claims that the Clerk of the Privy Council in some way misrepresented her educational and academic credentials.

The company that published the academic credentials was the Financial Post company, a private corporation. I took the opportunity of reviewing three other so-called résumés in this particular document—

The Speaker: With all respect to the hon. member, perhaps she could find another avenue than a point of order to raise this. I invite her to terminate in the next few seconds.

• (1205)

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, with respect, I asked to rise on a point of order because only the Government of Canada can act to defend the credentials of the Clerk of the Privy Council if they are challenged. I wanted to point out for the benefit of all members that in the alleged document that claims to be the accurate credentials of every member, I took the opportunity of reviewing the credentials of myself, the member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell and the member for Cochrane—Superior.

The Speaker: With all respect to the hon. member, there must be another avenue for her to bring forward this information to the House. I would invite her to seek these channels perhaps at the next sitting of the House or even a little later today.

I would like to put an end that point of order now. We will continue with the business of the House. Is there other business?

Routine Proceedings

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE BOARD

Hon. Sergio Marchi (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the 1993 Report of the Immigration and Refugee Board.

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[English]

STATUTES OF CANADA

Hon. Allan Rock (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I am pleased to table, in both official languages, proposals to correct anomalies, inconsistencies and errors in the Statutes of Canada, to deal with other matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in those statutes and to repeal certain provisions of those statutes that have expired, lapsed or have otherwise ceased to have effect.

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ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments 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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[Translation]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

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

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the 16th Report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, on committee membership. With the House's consent, I intend to propose that the 16th Report be concurred in later today.