

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 9, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

ELECTIONS CANADA

TABLING OF 1986 REPORT OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour of laying on the Table of the House the 1986 Report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada.

[English]

May I remind Hon. Members that pursuant to Standing Order 67(4) this report is deemed permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges and Procedure.

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FISHERIES

TABLING OF POLICY ON MANAGEMENT OF FISH HABITAT

Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 67(2) I wish to table, in both official languages, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans policy for the management of fish habitat.

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF NINTH REPORT OF CANADIAN NATO
PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101 I have the honour to present to the House the ninth report, in both official languages, of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association. This report on a meeting concerning public information of the North Atlantic Alliance was prepared by the Hon. Member for Okanagan—Similkameen (Mr. King).

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-216, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (abortion).

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Reimer: Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce for first reading a Bill to amend the Criminal Code concerning abortion. The purpose of this Bill is to address what I believe is the primary question concerning abortion—are we or are we not dealing with a human life. The essence of this Bill is that it removes the word “health” and would permit an abortion only on the grounds of self-defence in those rare instances when a mother’s life is deemed to be in danger.

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

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EXCISE TAX ACT AND EXCISE ACT

On the Order: Introduction of Bills

October 2, 1986—The Minister of State (Finance)—Bill intituled: “An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act”.

Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Finance)) moved for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

[Editor’s Note: For Speaker’s ruling on above, see p. 246.]