

*Routine Proceedings***ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

TABLING OF APPOINTMENTS

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and 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 which were 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.

* * *

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (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 several petitions.

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

* * *

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

10TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the 10th report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and in doing so, I would like to make the following remarks.

The tenth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts which I have the honour to table today deals with the problems encountered by the Canadian Coast Guard and the Department of the Transport in the modernization of a large ice-breaker, the *Louis St. Laurent*.

The modernization project has gone through a rapid cost escalation, including a major cost overrun, from a planned expenditure of \$51 million to a projected \$139

million and is some 20 months behind schedule. The project was not let out to tender at Cabinet request. The committee has tried to put these problems in perspective and examine the larger questions of improved planning and reporting of major capital projects in Transport Canada and in other government departments.

For example, Transport Canada has agreed that a more thorough assessment process is required prior to all future ship modernizations or major repairs and the committee has made a recommendation to this effect.

With respect to non-tendering, the committee repeated an important recommendation made in several earlier reports to the House, namely that maximum use be made of competitive tendering for contracts.

The committee has asked Transport Canada to respond to the recommendations by June 28, 1991 and has requested a government response to two of the recommendations at an earlier date pursuant to Standing Order 109.

62ND REPORT OF STRIKING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the 62nd report of the Striking Committee. This report deals with the membership of a legislative committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 113(1), upon such presentation, such reports are deemed adopted.

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

* * *

STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I have with me today two requests by committees to travel, but I am advised that on one of them there have not been the proper consultations between the members of the committee and the leadership of the Liberal Party.

By drawing the attention of the House to that, I would hope that the people who are involved will have those consultations so we can proceed with that motion before the House rises at two o'clock.