

It is a matter that raises an important question of privilege. I am glad that the member has taken the opportunity to clarify that before the House and on the public record, because it does have an impact on not only those of us who are members in the community but many of the women and their families who are living there.

**Mr. Speaker:** What I am going to do, and I know the hon. member for Broadview—Greenwood would support this and if the House would go along I would like to hear from the hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby as to whether or not she would wish to make an intervention. When I have done that, probably we could arrange to bring the matter back to the House, if necessary.

I do want to say this because it is important that it is said. This may or may not be a question of privilege but the issue that has been brought to the House for all of us is a very serious one.

The hon. member for Etobicoke—Lakeshore has made a positive contribution to the discussion this morning. All of us who are parents and all of us who care are deeply concerned about the matter that has been raised. In saying that, I am not saying whether or not it is a question of privilege. I will decide that in due course.

In any event, I thank the hon. member and I thank the hon. member for Etobicoke—Lakeshore and the hon. member for Churchill for their interventions.

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Speaker, I have had a communication from the office of the hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby. Apparently they understood this issue was going to be raised at three o'clock today. If the Speaker wishes, I suspect that is the time the hon. member would respond on this issue.

**Mr. Speaker:** I want to thank the hon. member for Churchill. I most certainly will give the hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby every opportunity to address the Chair in the House later on today if that is appropriate.

*Routine Proceedings*

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[*English*]

**WESTRAY MINE**

TABLETING OF GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to a commitment I made to this House, I am tabling today documents pertaining to the federal government's assistance to the Westray Mine project.

Additional contractual documents are also being made available through the Department of Industry, Science and Technology.

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, I would like clarification of the documents tabled. The minister indicated that other contractual documents were available through the department. Does that mean they have not been tabled but that a list is available to members to consult and to request them? If he could explain his comments please.

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, the situation is that the total sum of all the documents represent several feet. What has been provided is a list and an opportunity for members, or anybody else, to access the documents in the library of the Department of Industry, Science and Technology and to copy them and so on. It was just simply impractical to table them all without a fork-lift.

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**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS**

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Orders 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to nine petitions.

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