

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 5, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to Petitions Nos. 332-1529, 332-1543 to 332-1545 inclusive, 332-1565, 332-1566, 332-1619, 332-1620, 332-1647, 332-1648, 332-1660, 332-1663, 332-1674, 332-1686 to 332-1690 inclusive, 332-1762, 332-1789 to 332-1791 inclusive, and 332-1975.

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[*English*]

INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH REPORTS OF CANADIAN NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101, I have the honour to present to the House the sixteenth and seventeenth reports of the Canadian NATO Parliamentary Association in both official languages.

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TRANSPORT

PRESENTATION OF REVISED FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Darryl L. Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present the revised first report of the Standing Committee on Transport concerning Bill C-18, an Act respecting National Transportation, which effects certain necessary changes to the first report presented April 27. This touches Clauses 168 and 226.

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

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PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, it is my pleasure to present three petitions, all on the same topic, from various centres in western Canada.

The petitioners are concerned that the proposals to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers and will severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. They believe that these proposed measures will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on an ongoing basis. They are asking the Government, at this late hour, to change its mind, reject these proposals, and stop the increase of prescription drug prices for Canadians who need those drugs.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I also have the honour to present three petitions today on the changes to the Patent Act. The petitioners are from New Brunswick and Manitoba, including a number from communities in my own riding.

In their petition the petitioners explain their concern with the Government's intention to change the Patent Act. They believe it will unfairly hurt those people who require a large number of prescription drugs for health reasons. They also believe that this is yet another example of the Canadian Government making concessions to the United States at the expense of average Canadians as a result of the Government's intention to negotiate a free trade agreement.

[*Translation*]

REQUEST TO CHANGE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN BILL C-33

Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 26 people who reside in Amos, Landrienne, Saint-Mathieu, Val-d'Or and Saint-Marc-de-Figuery, all in the riding of Abitibi, who contribute to the Public Service Superannuation Fund.