

*Routine Proceedings***ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS***[English]***PETITIONS**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. 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.]

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*[Translation]***INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS**TABLING OF REPORT OF OFFICIAL VISIT OF
PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO MOROCCO AND
PORTUGAL

Mr. Marcel Danis (Verchères): Pursuant to Standing Order 34, I have the honour to present to the House, in both official languages, the report of the official visit of a parliamentary delegation to Morocco from November 12 to 18 and to Portugal from November 19 to 21, 1989.

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*[English]***COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and in doing so, with your permission, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make the following remarks about this report.

The public accounts committee today tables a report dealing with a serious problem in the management of the tax system. Substantial losses in revenues—\$2.4 billion from the federal sales tax—have been incurred because of a tax avoidance procedure involving marketing companies.

The problem has become much more serious since 1986 when a court decision struck down earlier applicable tax rulings which had limited the avoidance activity. The committee pointed out that the leakage of taxes was and is continuing.

Although two complex proposals were developed by the Department of Finance to deal with the problem, neither proposal was implemented. The committee noted the effects of tax avoidance on the integrity, equity and effectiveness of the tax system and recommended that the government act expeditiously to deal with tax avoidance problems.

Other key recommendations in this report call upon the Department of Finance to monitor tax avoidance closely and to develop quickly workable remedial measures based on a careful analysis of costs and benefits.

The Minister of Finance has been requested to respond to the committee's recommendation by March 31, 1990.

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*[Translation]***STRIKING COMMITTEE**PRESENTATION OF 28TH REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the 28th report of the Striking Committee.

*[English]*EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—SECOND REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

Hon. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the second report of the Standing Committee of External Affairs and International Trade regretting and condemning the death threats received recently by the family of Miss Karen Ridd, condemning in the strongest possible language we can muster the introduction of death squad activities exported from El Salvador to this country, and requesting immediate government intervention in this matter and a report to the House.

NATIONAL DEFENCE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS—INTERIM
REPORT

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, an interim report from the Standing Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs.