ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. W. Paul McCrossan (York-Scarborough): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the first report of the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

[English]

I might say that the reports are somewhat different from those carried in this morning's edition of *The Toronto Star*.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

[Editor's note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

PRIVILEGE

NOTICE OF QUESTION TO BE RAISED

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I thought we might be able to resolve this through the normal consultation process, but since you have indicated that you think I have a question of privilege, I want to give notice that I will be rising immediately after the Easter break with a properly presented case based on a question of privilege.

Mr. Speaker: I accept the Hon. Member's notice. He knows that he has a right to give the Speaker notice of his intention, if he wishes to do so. I only rise to say that the Hon. Member indicated that I had suggested that he had a question of privilege. I made no such suggestion. I said that if a Member believes that another Member has done something wrong, the Member has a course of action to follow. The use of the House business question is not the appropriate means to discuss the matter.

CORRECTIONAL INVESTIGATOR

TABLING OF 1983-84 ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table the Annual Report of the Correctional Investigator which covers the period of June 1, 1983 to May 31, 1984, and I ask that it be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

Petitions

[Translation]

PETITIONS

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition by a group of students at Laval University, asking this House to adopt measures that will help the development of small- and medium-sized businesses, especially in the field of research and development. Such measures would, among other things, help Canada improve its position in international economic relations, in addition to increasing the GNP and creating employment.

[English]

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR GENERAL

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from electors from the Province of Alberta requesting the Government of Canada to respect the office of Governor General in all future visits of heads of state to this country.

CLOSURE OF NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by some 240 Canadian citizens from Brantford, Ottawa, Hamilton, Washington—not a Canadian citizen—and the Province of Quebec. They are petitioning the House to maintain the National Postal Museum and are asking the Minister responsible to intervene and ensure that the Postal Museum be retained, find a new location near Parliament if it must move from 180 Wellington, and that its staff continue to serve the public in their present capacities.

CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by a number of residents of the city of Windsor and surrounding regions, petitioning Parliament that all laid-off employees keep their severance pay and receive their unemployment insurance benefits without deduction of severance pay, as now being implemented by the Government.

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): Mr. Speaker, you will not be surprised to know that I am presenting a similar petition which protests yet again the unjust and mean-spirited changes which have taken place in the UIC system under the Minister.

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from a number of Canadians calling upon Parliament to reinstate severance pay and that it not be deducted from unemployment insurance benefits.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition representing the view of thousands of Canadians, specifically a number of Canadians