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Mr. Andre: A resolution of the House.

Mr. Milliken: Obviously the government House leader did not hear me read this. I will read it again, Madam Speaker.

The motions allowed under Routine Proceedings are those relating to the business of the House or to the discussion of committee reports.

The business of the House means the hours of sitting, the order of business and so on. It has nothing to do with the appointment of officers of Parliament.

I refer also to citation 560 of the sixth edition of Beauchesne's which states:

Pursuant to Standing Order 56, Government notices of motion are placed on the *Order Paper* as an Order of the Day under Government Orders.

I am asking that the Chair, as did my friend, the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier, direct that these notices of motion be transferred from Routine Proceedings to Government Orders where they would be discussed.

While the government House leader may say that this is unimportant, the significance of it is great in that the time for the discussion of those motions will be under Government Orders and are government business and not under Routine Proceedings. It is my submission that that is where the motions ought to be placed on the *Order Paper* in light of the words of the Standing Orders and in light of the citations in Beauchesne's. My hon. friend for Ottawa—Vanier has given you the words of the Standing Order and I have invited the Chair to have regard to the citations in Beauchesne's to assist in that decision.

[*Translation*]

Madam Deputy Speaker: The procedural point raised by the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier) is very interesting. I thank the government leader and the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands for taking part in the debate. The Chair will examine the question, consider all points raised by hon. members, and get back to the House as soon as a conclusion has been reached.

Routine Proceedings

[*English*]

PETITIONS

CANADA POST

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure, duty and responsibility today to table, pursuant to Standing Order 36, a petition signed by residents of Watson, Saskatchewan. These petitioners are anxious to save our national postal system.

The petitioners from Watson, Saskatchewan, say that rural post offices not only provide the service that is needed but also offer an important federal presence in rural communities.

They call on the House of Commons and Parliament to insist that Canada Post end its shameful practice of opening retail postal outlets in communities where, as they say, perfectly good federal post offices exist. They also state: "We did not ask them for retail postal outlets. We do not need them and we certainly do not want them".

The petitioners call upon Parliament to refrain from putting retail postal outlets where there are existing post offices.

[*Translation*]

TAX BENEFITS FOR NORTHERN AND ISOLATED AREAS

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Pursuant to Standing Order 36, Madam Speaker, I present a petition from Chibougamau in the federal riding of Roberval concerning the recommendations of the Task Force on Tax Benefits for Northern and Isolated Areas.

Your petitioners reject the conclusions of the Task Force on Tax Benefits for Northern and Isolated Areas, and they ask that Chibougamau be designated as an isolated region under the terms of the existing tax benefits system.

[*English*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of a number of Canadians, many in my riding, who bring to the attention of the House the plight