

*Routine Proceedings*

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has certainly put forward his case with great courtesy and obvious sincerity. I thank the hon. member for that. I thank the hon. member for Calgary West for indicating, as the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond has responded in like kind, a willingness to discuss the matter.

As I have said to the hon. member for Hamilton West, I have some serious doubts as to whether there is in this matter any question of privilege. However, he has asked me if I would look at it quietly. I will take that into consideration. I think hon. members know that it is a rare case indeed where the Speaker ought to try to intervene in a committee. There is an indication on the government side that maybe this can be resolved and an indication by the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond, speaking for Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, that that willingness is at least appreciated. I suggest that hon. members might want to have further discussion concerning the matter.

I think it is legitimate to say that all members are concerned, and I would think that the public would be too, when a long period of time goes by without a committee being able to function, whatever the cause of that might be.

I thank hon. members. I will come back and comment on the point made by the hon. member for Hamilton West.

worked so diligently to allow us to make a rapid yet thorough examination of this bill.

Finally, may I thank the members of my committee, particularly those from the two opposition parties, who at all times worked toward the welfare of the farm community without partisan debate.

[*Translation*]

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS—PRESENTATION OF  
TWENTY-SIXTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the twenty-sixth report of the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges and Procedure regarding joint sittings of standing committees.

[*English*]

TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

**Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the twenty-fifth report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections in relation to the order of reference from the House of Commons dated April 30, 1990, in relation to the rules and procedures as they relate to the limiting of debate in cases where the committee has reached an impasse.

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

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

THIRD REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
AGRICULTURE

**Mr. A. H. Harry Brightwell (Perth—Wellington—Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the third report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture in relation to Bill C-98, the Farm Income Protection Act, with amendments.

In recognition of the importance of this bill to Canadian farmers, I would like to thank the Minister of Agriculture, the Minister of State for Agriculture, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister, the officials, farm groups and my committee staff who

## PETITIONS

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

**Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a series of petitions from residents of my constituency who note that property taxes are escalating for health care, education, infrastructure replacement, social and leisure services, and protective services.

In that regard they note that the federal government should continue to bear at least 30 per cent of the cost of maintaining security of Canadian citizens and petition this House to continue with the 70-30 per cent cost sharing ratio between provincial and federal governments so that the RCMP can continue to be a national police force throughout this country.

They reject the federal government's proposal to off-load that on to the provinces and make it a 25-75 per cent sharing.