

Postal Services Continuation Act, 1987

On Monday in Quebec City, seven pickets were arrested as trucks and replacement workers entered the plant and later four security guards were attacked by pickets. On Friday, in Toronto a police officer who was attempting to remove a picket from the path of a bus was struck by the bus. Buses carrying replacement workers had their windows smashed, a management employee was assaulted by pickets. In Windsor, on Friday night, 50 pickets were throwing rocks. In Sudbury, a customer's car was damaged by pickets. On Saturday, two union members were arrested in Ottawa, one for trespassing and the other for smashing a window. In Toronto, at the east letter processing plant, two replacement workers were injured when bus windows were smashed by rocks. A female supervisor had a picket shove a burning two-by-four at her. Thirteen replacement workers were taken to hospital after sitting in battery acid that had been placed on chairs in various rest areas. At the bulk mail facility, four management employees were chased by pickets. They were badly shaken. A regular Canada Post contractor was offered \$1,000 to hitch onto the wrong trailer or to take out his trailer and then dump the mail at the Toronto bulk mail facility. In Windsor on Saturday afternoon, pickets were placing children in front of vehicles to bar entry and exit to facilities. Shortly after, a postal inspector was assaulted by pickets while crossing the line. On Sunday, in Toronto, over 200 replacement workers chose to spend the night in the south central facility rather than cross unruly picket lines. They were available for day shift work on Monday. On the Prairies, on Friday, the Saskatoon facility received a bomb threat.

On Saturday, in Winnipeg, a bomb threat was received. In Edmonton, the windshields of both a Canada Post car and a security employee car were smashed. On Sunday, a Canada Post truck was unable to enter the Calgary facility as no police were at the site. On Monday, in Brandon, a picket brandishing a bat broke a mirror on a bus. On Monday in Windsor, an Ontario replacement worker was assaulted while waiting to board a bus to take him to sort mail. In Kitchener, a replacement worker was injured by a stone thrown through the bus window. On Friday, in Port Alberni, on the West Coast, a post office customer was involved in a fist fight with a picket; a regular highway services contractor was run off the road. In New Westminster pickets were seen pouring sand into the gas tank of a truck. On Sunday, in Port Moody, a replacement worker was assaulted while trying to cross the lines. He was assisted across by the district manager who was knocked to the ground. Picket lines were established at subpost offices; these independent businesses are not involved in the dispute between CUPW and Canada Post. On Sunday, in Victoria, two Canada Post managers were struck with the stick portion of picket signs. On Monday, in Vancouver, a convoy of buses that was carrying replacement workers was blocked from getting into the Vancouver plant by a trolley bus that had its wires cut. In Victoria a replacement worker was assaulted by a picket.

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Ms. Copps: I rise on a point of order. I believe if you refer to the Standing Orders, Madam Speaker, you will realize that there is prohibition against reading lists of great length in the House. I wonder if you could exercise that prohibition.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I am sure that the Hon. Minister will continue to tell us more after the list is completed. I think it is quite pertinent to the debate, and I have no intention of stopping the debate at the present moment.

Mr. Andre: The point of that list is to make it clear to the House, the public, and the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps), who has now left the Chamber—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I am sure that the Hon. Minister does know of the rule which forbids a Member to mention the presence or absence of Hon. Members in the House. This is the second time during his speech that the Minister has done so. I would appreciate it if he would not do so again.

Mr. Andre: Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I should point out that the Hon. Member has returned.

Ms. Copps: Although the ruling *vis-à-vis* the reading of the list was that the Minister would be allowed to continue, I am sure that the Minister would wish to comply with the Standing Order that requires him to table documents from which he reads in a lengthy fashion. I would ask the Minister, through the Chair, to table the document.

Mr. Andre: I have read the complete document, but if the Hon. Member does not wish to wait until *Hansard*, she can have what I have read. I do not mind.

Ms. Copps: I believe that there is a requirement to table the document. I distinctly saw the Minister reading and quoting from a document at great length. Before he takes some of the pages out of the document, which he may not wish to be made public, and I see him removing pages from the stapled version, would the Minister please table the document as per the Standing Orders.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Chair has heard the Minister state that he was quite willing to table the document from which he was reading. The Hon. Minister has the floor.

Mr. Andre: The fact of the matter is that we are getting involved in a point of order regarding whether I need to table my notes or not table my notes, and what is a document. These are notes prepared for me on what has happened. There is no principle in the Standing Orders that requires me to table my notes.

Ms. Copps: Yes, there is.