

agricultural and certainly rural. By the end of his career it was changing and becoming light industry and commercial. Certainly today that constituency is enjoying a different kind of change. Through those changing circumstances he always enjoyed the support and respect of his people.

I guess one could say that with Alex Patterson you could get old and maybe even old-fashioned, in the best way of interpreting that word, but he was never an old fogey. Old-fashioned in the best sense of the word, he maintained the values that have given Canada strength and made it the country that it is today.

We pay respect to him because he could be a pillar but he could also be pliable. That speaks well of him.

I want to join others in that respect. He was always in touch with the people. One could not be re-elected the way he was without being in touch with the people.

In the words of the book of Acts it was said that Barnabas was a good man. The same could be said of Alex Patterson.

I would like to add just one anecdote which does not come from his political career or the Chamber but his family life, which he has passed on to the next generation. He was a man of Scottish descent. As other members have noted, he was a minister in the Nazarene Church. One of his children went into the ministry and decided to go for further training in the United States south of the Mason-Dixon line. The grandchildren were put in public school in kindergarten.

On the first day home from school his grandchild came home all enthusiastic. He came home and said: "Mom, I have a terrific teacher. She looks just like you". The mother was pretty excited about this and could not wait for parent-teacher night to arrive so that she could see this teacher who looked just like her.

The night came and she went to visit the school to see her son's teacher, and she was black. Here is a teacher teaching a child who did not see the colour. That did not happen by accident. That was not a casual incident. That happened because the parents learned from their parents that all men are created equal and they are created with dignity by their creator. They learned that everyone deserves the respect of everyone else regardless of who they are. That is the kind of a heritage that Alex Patterson passed on to his children who then passed it on to their children. That is the lesson all of us need to learn from a man like Alex Patterson.

### *Routine Proceedings*

**Mr. Speaker:** I want to thank hon. members for their commentary and I advise the House that the proceedings will be sent to Alex's family immediately.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

• (1535)

[*Translation*]

### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

**Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and to Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 32 petitions.

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

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### HOUSE MANAGEMENT

#### PRESENTATION OF 85TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and to Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the 85th report of the standing committee on House Management on the membership of the standing committee. With leave of the House, I intend to move concurrence in this report later today.

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

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### CUSTOMS TARIFF

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Tom Hockin (for the Minister of Finance)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-122, an act to amend the Customs Tariff (textile tariff reduction).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Hockin for the Minister of Finance moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.