

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 28, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

### PETITIONS

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to the twelve following petitions: Nos. 331-392 to 331-398 inclusive, 331-408, 331-409, 331-417, 331-418 and 331-420.

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[English]

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### ORDER PAPER AND NOTICES

**Mr. Speaker:** Before proceeding to Statements, since I gather there is one, I think the House should be advised that there is a glitch. Today the Order Paper and Notices contains two errors. Notices pursuant to Standing Order 39 projecting Private Members' Business were omitted in error, and recorded divisions on Bill C-87, which were disposed of on Thursday, April 24, remain listed on the Notice Paper.

The first error will be corrected in tomorrow's Order Paper. As to the second, since notice was given of the Private Members' Business for today on Thursday and Friday last and the correct motion for today's business is set out in this day's projected Order of Business, the Chair intends to proceed at 5 o'clock p.m. to Private Members' Business and to call the order at the top of the list of the order of precedence standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Cochrane—Superior (Mr. Penner) and properly listed in the body of the Order Paper.

That is a technical way of saying that the projected Order of Business is correct. There is a printing error in the last section of the Order Paper under the notices section, which can be found at pages XXV and XXVI.

## OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

### DECLARATION BY CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS OF DAY OF MOURNING

**Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of the shocking toll of accidents and illnesses that continue to occur in Canadian work places. In this regard, I would draw Member's attention to the Canadian Labour Congress' decision to observe this day as a day of mourning.

The personal price of workplace injury ranges from the initial pain of injury through the helplessness of disability to the ultimate price of death from physical injury or industrial disease.

Despite the genuine efforts of Governments and industry and the increasing involvement of organized labour, the human and physical costs of work related injuries and illnesses have continued to remain high. In 1984, one Canadian in nine suffered a work related injury, 730 were killed and 16.6 million work days were lost at an estimated cost of \$12 billion.

It was on this day 70 years ago that the Ontario legislature gave third reading to a Bill that introduced the collective liability system of mutual insurance under The Workmen's Compensation Act. Since that time the provinces and the federal Government have become increasingly involved in attempting to regulate a safe work environment and in reducing the financial burden of being injured at work.

Federal initiatives in the field of occupational safety and health include the amendments to Part IV of the Canada Labour Code which were proclaimed on March 31, and the leadership role Labour Canada and Consumer and Corporate Affairs are taking in giving effect to the workplace hazardous materials system, known as WHMIS, across the nation. Although the amendments to Part IV evolved through consultations with labour and employer groups, the WHMIS concept was successfully developed by representatives from labour, industry and the federal and provincial Governments. I believe that it is through the meaningful participation of labour, industry and Government and the acceptance of the responsibility for participation and the results of that participation that the burden of workplace accidents and illnesses will be broken.

I appreciate the opportunity of bringing this to the attention of Members of the House, Mr. Speaker.

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to join with the Minister in decrying the terrible and