

*Routine Proceedings*

[English]

**Mr. John Williams (St. Albert, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, if I have to congratulate the President of the Treasury Board on the introduction of this policy it must surely be with a very small c.

The country is crying out for cuts, elimination of waste, downsizing, less government, and yet the number one item in the minister's statement is that he will formally eliminate central policy reserves. Surely we could do much better than this.

There is nothing in this statement about departmental cuts or elimination of departments. The minister is shuffling the policy chairs on the deck of the *Titanic*. These policies provide a different look at a serious but old problem of runaway deficits. There is not one single word in this statement about cuts, about smaller government, about downsizing the civil service.

We can only say that we are extremely disappointed in the statement and we look for more, bigger and better news in the budget.

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[Translation]

**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE**

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table today the 60th report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs regarding the membership of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons.

If the House gives its consent, I intend to move that the 60th report be concurred in later today.

[English]

I also have the honour to present the 61st report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs regarding changes to the Standing Orders as they relate to the printing of papers and evidence of standing committees.

Madam Speaker, I think you will find unanimous consent of the House to dispense with the reading of the 60th report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs. If the House gives its consent I move that the 60th report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs presented to the House earlier this day be concurred in.

(Motion agreed to.)

• (1515)

[Translation]

## HUMAN RIGHTS AND STATUS OF DISABLED PERSONS

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, I think you would also find that there is unanimous consent for the following motion:

That, regarding consideration of Bill C-64, an act respecting employment equity, the House authorize the necessary staff of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons to travel within Canada in order to prepare and hold videoteleconference hearings during the weeks of February 20 and 27.

(Motion agreed to.)

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**PETITIONS**

## VOICE MAIL

**Mr. Gaston Leroux (Richmond—Wolfe, BQ):** Madam Speaker, I would like to table before this House a petition on behalf of senior citizens from my riding of Richmond—Wolfe.

I would like to do so by stating the facts. It reads: We, the undersigned citizens of Disraeli, Danville, Lawrenceville, Maricourt, Valcourt, Saint-Élie d'Orford, Rock Forest, Richmond, Windsor, Saint-Claude, Stoke Centre, Chesterville and Saint-Denis-de-Brompton, wish to call the attention of Parliament to the following facts.

Whereas seniors are naturally more at a loss when faced with voice mail technology; whereas seniors are entitled to adequate service, particularly with regard to their income security enquiries; therefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to ask the government to abandon its plan to introduce voice mail systems for seniors.

I table this petition, Madam Speaker.

## VIOLENCE

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works and Government Services, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, this petition concerns excessive violence in our society, on the radio and on television.

[English]

Violence in our society is a concern of these petitioners: violence in general, violence on radio and television or wherever one finds it.

The petitioners ask the government and the CRTC to ensure that to the extent possible we diminish and remove violence. They point out that violence is not necessary to entertain or to inform, that it is counter to what many families are trying to do in their homes as they raise their children.