

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 29, 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 following six petitions: 331-127, 331-193, 331-194, 331-407, 331-423 and 331-425.

[English]

PRICE OF GASOLINE

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present three petitions to the House this morning. The first is signed by residents of the Dryden area who call upon the House of Commons to ensure that PetroCan passes on lower oil and gas prices to consumers.

The second petition is signed by residents of the Ignace and Dryden areas, duly certified by the Clerk, and on the same subject of ensuring lower gas prices.

USE OF PENSION INCOME IN CALCULATION OF UI BENEFITS

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): The third petition is signed by residents of the Dryden, Red Lake, Ear Falls, Ignace, Balmertown and Cochenour areas. It calls upon Parliament to ensure that all retired employees retain their pension benefits and receive unemployment insurance benefits without deduction of pension income.

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[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if question No. 545 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 545 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Question No. 545—**Mr. Frith:**

Since September 17, 1984, to date what are the names and places travelled to by each Member of Parliament who has accepted travelling expenses paid out of public moneys of Canada where the travel was undertaken at the request of the Governor in Council pursuant to section 14 of the Senate and House of Commons Act?

Return tabled

[Translation]

Mr. Lewis: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

PARLIAMENTARY EMPLOYMENT AND STAFF RELATIONS ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Friday, April 25, consideration of the motion of Mr. Hnatyshyn that Bill C-45, an Act respecting employment and employer and employee relations in the Senate and House of Commons, be read a second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I want to speak briefly about this Bill now that it has come back for second reading.

I regret that employees of the House of Commons, far from being treated as a model of what labour relations should be, are being relegated to a kind of back basement and treated with the utmost contempt because of the actions both of the court and of Parliament. According to a judgment of the Federal Court of Appeal last week, which has been appealed, these employees do not have the benefit of certification or of falling under the jurisdiction of the Canada Labour Code. They are being given second class status under Bill C-45, a Bill which purports to give them the same rights as other employees of the Public Service but which falls far short of that. I want to comment about the torturous reasoning of the Court whose decision I have had the opportunity to read. Frankly, I am appalled by the thinking put forward.