

Committee Reports

Hodgson and the people who are involved in publishing the *Toronto Sun* will print an absolute retraction with respect to this allegation which I think does a disservice to this institution. As an Officer of the House, I very much regret anything that does a disservice to the House of Commons which we all love so well.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

MARINE ATLANTIC INC. ACQUISITION AUTHORIZATION ACT— REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-88, an Act to authorize the acquisition of Marine Atlantic Inc. and to provide for other matters in relation thereto, I have the honour to report the Bill to the House in both official languages. Your committee has considered Bill C-88 and has agreed to report it without amendment.

EIGHTH REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the Eighth Report of the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration concerning a request for an extension of its reporting deadline on the order of reference relating to family-class immigration. If the House gives its consent, I intend to move concurrence in this report later this day.

DUTIES RELIEF ACT—REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-98, the Duties Relief Act, I have the honour to report the Bill to the House in both official languages. Your committee has considered Bill C-98 and has agreed to report it without amendment.

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

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PETITIONS

DECOMMISSIONING OF LIGHTHOUSES—REQUEST FOR INQUIRY

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition from a number of residents of the coast of British Columbia urging that the House redress a very serious grievance concerning the removal of staff from lighthouses on the coast of British Columbia. The petitioners point out that this will in fact create a danger to air transportation and marine transportation on

the coast of B.C. and urge the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) to call a public inquiry into the matter.

USE OF PENSION INCOME IN CALCULATION OF UI BENEFITS

Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I also have the honour to present a second petition concerning unemployment insurance. This is from numerous retired armed forces members who continue to express their serious concern about the Government's removal of their rights and the access to unemployment insurance for those people who are retiring from the forces and urge that their benefits under the previous legislation be reinstated.

RIDEAU HALL—PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO GROUNDS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition concerning the closing of Rideau Hall and the grounds surrounding that historic property. Area residents and visitors to the National Capital Region are asking the Government and Parliament to change the decision to close the grounds to the general public, so that there will be further consultations with a group of citizens representing the large and growing opposition to the closing of the grounds in order to find a *modus vivendi* that will both cope with security measures and the freedom of access to those green spaces.

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION IN BYWARD MARKET

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I also have some 60 petitions signed by over 1,500 people from my riding and visitors to the Byward Market, the primary heritage area and tourist attraction in my riding. The petitioners are asking, since the City of Ottawa is considering a proposal to construct a 17-storey building in the heart of the Byward Market, since the National Capital Commission is an agent of Parliament and major actor and property owner in the Byward Market, and since we have invested millions of dollars in the properties in the Byward Market, the House of Commons and Parliament assembled to ask the National Capital Commission to state its position for or against the above development and the proposed construction.

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FARM DEBT REVIEW ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-117, an Act to facilitate financial arrangements between farmers and their creditors.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.