

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 6, 1989

The House met at 11 a.m.

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*Prayers*

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

### PETITIONS

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to eight petitions.

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

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[*English*]

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA

#### TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the provisions of the Access to Information Act, I am pleased to submit copies of the National Library of Canada annual report on access to information and privacy for 1988-89.

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### CANADA COUNCIL

#### SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL REPORT

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications):** In addition, Sir, I have the honour to deposit, conforming to Article 32 of the Standing Orders, two copies of the supplement to the annual report of the Canada Council.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

### CHANGE IN SPONSOR OF MOTION

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions between the Parties and I would like to propose the following motion:

That during consideration of Private Members' Business this day, Motion No. 272, standing in the name of Mr. Angus, may be moved by Mr. Kristiansen.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the Hon. Member have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Speaker:** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[*English*]

### PETITIONS

#### VIA RAIL CUT-BACKS

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36. The petitioners from Kamloops, British Columbia, point out that the Government has failed to provide the necessary resources to VIA Rail to enable it to fulfil its mandate to provide first-class passenger rail service.

We heard the news today that we are going to experience significant reductions in passenger rail service in Canada, so this petition makes more sense than ever.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to maintain, improve and modernize VIA Rail service, particularly in those areas of the country where it can provide a rapid, economical, safe, convenient, environmentally sound