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On a number of occasions, your Committee in questioning the witnesses came to the conclusion that the Deputy Ministers should act more expeditiously in providing replies to the Auditor General's draft comments which he proposes for inclusion in his report. Thus, where there is disagreement, the parties concerned should make every effort to resolve differences of opinion prior to publication.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT PRINTING BUREAU

Following your Committee's decision to make periodical visits to various departments each session, a visit was made to the Canadian Government Printing Bureau. Such visits are planned to give the members a first hand opportunity to see the operations of a department. Since there is usually a representative of the Auditor General in the department, items in the Auditor General's Reports may be studied on the spot and checks made of inventory controls.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issues Nos. 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 19, 25 to 30 inclusive, 39 to 41 inclusive and 45*) is tabled.

(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 113 to the Journals).

Mr. Givens for Mr. Duquet, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee, which was read as follows:

Pursuant to its Order of Reference of June 23, 1969, your Committee has considered the petition for a Private Bill of Boy Scouts of Canada—*Scouts du Canada*, filed after the time specified in Standing Order 90, together with the Report of the Clerk of Petitions thereon tabled on June 23, 1969.

The Counsel for the petitioner stated that the delay beyond the time specified by Standing Order 90 was occasioned by the fact that an agreement between the two parties was not reached before late in 1968 and it was only in March, 1969 that the petition mentioned above was finally filed.

The Parliamentary Agent declared that it is essential that the proposed legislation be allowed to proceed during the present Session of Parliament. He therefore respectfully asked that the petition be received.

Having considered the petition for a Private Bill, your Committee recommends that Standing Orders 90 and 91(3)(a) and (c) be suspended in relation thereto, and that the petition be received. This will result in the waiving of all charges because the petitioner is a benevolent organization.

The petition referred to above, together with the report of the Clerk of Petitions related thereto, is returned herewith.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (*Issue No. 4*) is appended.

(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 114 to the Journals).

By unanimous consent, on motion of Mr. Givens for Mr. Duquet, seconded by Mr. Guay (St. Boniface),—the said Report was concurred in.