

change we can lighten the burden which a particular group of taxpayers must now bear, we shall do so.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

AID TO QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES FOR JOB CREATION— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Lotbinière): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

Last week, the Union des municipalités régionales de comté et des municipalités locales met in Quebec City. One of the items on the agenda was of course Bill 38, tabled by the Government of Quebec some time ago to prevent municipalities from receiving federal assistance for job creation, and as a result of this meeting, both participants and the Quebec Bill made the headlines. The Union des municipalités is having a convention at this time.

I would like to ask the Minister of Employment and Immigration what the federal Government's position is on this issue. Does the Minister intend to meet the Quebec ministers in order to find a solution to the problem of distributing funds earmarked for municipalities?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, I am, in fact, meeting the Quebec Minister, Mr. Léonard, on October 4 to discuss this matter. I quite understand the Quebec Government's insistence on respecting provincial jurisdiction over municipalities, but in turn, I must also insist on the right of the Government of Canada to treat Canadian citizens residing in Quebec as it treats other Canadian citizens across the country, and I hope Mr. Léonard will show his good faith and intelligence by agreeing with the position taken by the federal Government.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, September 28, 1983, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

Petitions

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, I have a question to direct to the Government House Leader. May we take it for granted that we will be dealing with Crow for the remainder of this day, the Crow on Friday, the Crow next Monday and the Crow next Tuesday?

Mr. Pinard: No, Madam Speaker, the business of the House is always subject to change with notice. But in principle, theoretically, I think the Hon. Member is right.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Pinard: We intend to proceed with Bill C-155 today, tomorrow, and Monday and Tuesday of next week unless we change the order of the day, as is our prerogative.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. John Evans (Ottawa Centre): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the twenty-second report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs. If the House gives its consent, I intend to move concurrence in the report later today.

MISCELLANEOUS ESTIMATES—PRESENTATION OF NINTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the ninth report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

[Editor's note: For above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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PETITIONS

MR. MITGES—MEDICAL TESTING OF IMPAIRED DRIVERS

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition from concerned citizens in the form of a resolution, distributed to many municipalities in the Province of Ontario and approved, which petitions the Government of Canada to amend the Criminal Code to allow for the testing of blood samples for blood alcohols levels in cases where, because of injuries sustained in motor vehicle accidents, drivers are not now subject to testing when suspected of driving while impaired.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!