

LABOUR CONDITIONS

THREAT OF WEST COAST PORTS STRIKE

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Madam Speaker, I have a brief point of order. It arises out of a response to a question yesterday to the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) at page 25693 in his capacity as Acting Minister of Labour. I believe that he, inadvertently perhaps, misled the House when in reference to the question of the grain handlers dispute on the West Coast he indicated in his answer that a strike vote had been taken. This morning I was informed by the President of the grain handlers that a strike vote has not been taken and that—

Madam Speaker: That is not a point of order, it is debate. Furthermore, the Hon. Member may not correct a statement made by another Member. If that Member wants to correct his statement that is up to him.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

INFORMATION

TABLING OF TWO DOCUMENTS

Mr. Jack Burghardt (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 46(2), I wish to table in the House two documents, one under the English title "Information Technology: A Call for National Dialogue on the Emerging Information Society", and one bearing the French title "A L'Heure de la Société Informatisée: Invitation au Dialogue".

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[Translation]

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION—ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

TABLING OF REPORTS

Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 46(2), I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Sixth Report of Canada on the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination; and the First Report of Canada on Articles 10 to 12 of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Petitions

• (1510)

[English]

PETITIONS

MR. WENMAN—PENALTIES FOR DRUNK DRIVERS

Mr. Robert Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Madam Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition today on behalf of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. Madam Speaker, the petition that I have to support is in fact on behalf of 7,000 Canadians who share in the tragedy of these mothers who have lost their sons and daughters to drunken driving. The name of this organization is becoming known across the country as MADD, and support for this particular petition comes not only from the 7,000 names that are affixed to it but from the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs, the Attorneys General of many Provinces; and as well the Minister of Justice (Mr. MacGuigan) has indeed indicated some sympathy and concern toward this type of correction.

This petition purports to have a threefold purpose: the first is that upon a third offence and subsequent conviction there would be a mandatory six-month incarceration and ten-year licence suspension. Second—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member may not read all that out. We have heard the title of the petition and the object of it so I believe that is sufficient for the time being.

Mr. Wenman: Madam Speaker, the petitioners hope that you will receive, find in good order and refer this matter to the appropriate committee. The petitioners hope that you, Madam Speaker, might, with your own strong sense of fairness and justice, give full force to the capacity of your office and make the appropriate reference which, under precedent, does appear to be within your authority. This petition is the type of petition by which both justice and democracy can be forwarded at the same time, and through the limited capacity of your office I urge you to give support to this petition by recognition of—

Madam Speaker: I will show the Hon. Member how strong I am by interrupting him now.

MR. OGLE—SASKATOON REGIONAL PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE STAFF CUTBACKS

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, I present a petition from 160 citizens of my constituency of Saskatoon East where the Regional Psychiatric Centre comes under the jurisdiction of the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan). A recent recommendation to cut back on staff has given me this petition.

To the Honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned citizens of the City of Saskatoon in the Province of Saskatchewan do now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your Honourable House will therefore