

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development entitled *Security, Opportunities and Fairness: Canadians Renewing their Social Programs*.

[English]

Pursuant to the order of reference of February 8, 1994 your committee has completed its study of the modernization and restructuring of Canada's social security system.

[Translation]

Mrs. Francine Lalonde (Mercier, BQ): Madam Speaker, we in the Bloc Québécois wish to thank the Canadians and Quebecers and all the groups who came to testify before the committee in difficult circumstances. We thank them for their welcome.

I must add, however, that the Minister of Human Resources Development did not publish most technical discussion papers in time, something which we and the groups who appeared before the committee find unfortunate.

I also wish to commend the work done by all committee members and say that the report was produced and the consultations held in difficult conditions. In closing, I want to add that the good will that was in evidence at the beginning made it all the more painful to conclude that it was impossible to come up with a common report.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Mr. Bill Graham (Rosedale, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the second report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

[English]

This report relates to Bill C-47, an act to amend the Department of External Affairs Act and to make related amendments to other acts. The committee considered this bill and presents this report with amendments which it recommends to this House.

Routine Proceedings

Mrs. Ablonczy: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order to comment on the report of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): I wish to inform the hon. member that members of the official opposition are the only ones who would normally respond to the report. In order for the Reform Party to do so we will need the unanimous consent of the House?

Does the hon. member have unanimous consent?

Some hon. members: No.

• (1515)

[Translation]

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present today the fifty-sixth report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs relating to the list of committee members.

With leave of the House, I intend to move concurrence in the 56th report later this day.

[English]

I move that the 56th report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs be concurred in.

(Motion agreed to.)

Mr. Milliken: Madam Speaker, I think you will also find unanimous consent for the motion standing in my name on the Order Paper under motions for concurrence in the 53rd report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, presented on Friday, December 9, 1994.

I move that the motion be passed and that the report be concurred in. I think you will find there is disposition on the part of the House to adopt that motion, of which notice has been given today, without debate or amendment.

(Motion agreed to.)

* * *

PETITIONS

ABORTION

Mr. Jim Abbott (Kootenay East, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I have a couple of petitions. The first petition is on the issue of abortion.

The petitioners pray that Parliament act immediately to extend protection to the unborn child by amending the Criminal Code to extend the same protection enjoyed by born human beings to unborn human beings. I concur in that petition.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

Mr. Jim Abbott (Kootenay East, Ref.): Madam Speaker, I also concur with a petition where the petitioners pray that Parliament ensure that the present provisions of the Criminal Code of Canada prohibiting assisted suicide be enforced vigorously and that Parliament make no changes in the law that would sanction or allow the aiding or abetting of suicide or active or passive euthanasia.