

*Report of Committees*

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West):** Madam Speaker, I want to rise on a similar point with respect to the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers) on Friday. I think I should bring this matter to the attention of the House and the Minister of State for Small Businesses (Mr. Lapointe) to make sure that there is absolutely no question in the minds of anyone here, because I know the minister would not want knowingly to mislead the House.

During the course of his remarks on page 424 of *Hansard*, the minister allegedly quoted me with respect to a position I took which was completely contrary to the position I did take. He quoted me as saying that an act was brought into place; I found that in the transcription. The fact is that I said that there was no act; I specifically referred to that particular fact. I am sure the minister will agree that I did not make any reference to a specific act.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

### CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

TABLING OF REPORT OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER  
RESPECTING PARTIES' AND CANDIDATES' EXPENSES

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour of tabling in the House a special report from the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada respecting electoral expenses made by registered parties and candidates for the thirty-first general election held May 22, 1979.

Pursuant to statutes, this report is referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

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[*English*]

### PETITIONS

REDUCTION IN INTEREST RATES

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, I rise to present a petition to the House of Commons signed by over 2,000 people, most of whom live in the city of Thompson. The subject of the petition is to ask this House to instruct the government to take whatever steps are necessary to bring interest rates down to a reasonable and manageable level.

For the information of the House, I inform hon. members that many of the petitioners signed prior to February 18 and were reacting to statements of the previous minister.

[*Translation*]

### FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING INCREASE OF ADVANCES TO  
CORPORATION

**Hon. Charles Lapointe (Minister of State, Small Businesses, for Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-20, to amend the Federal Business Development Bank Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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### SAFE CONTAINERS CONVENTION ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-21, to implement the International Convention for Safe Containers.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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### ADJUSTMENT OF ACCOUNTS ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING ACCOUNTS OF CANADA

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council (for President of the Treasury Board))** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-22, to adjust the accounts of Canada and to make related amendments to certain acts.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A), 1980-81

REPORTING FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

On the order: Government notice of motion

April 25, 1980—*The President of the Privy Council:*

That, notwithstanding any Standing Order, the Supplementary Estimates (A), 1980-81, shall be reported or be deemed to have been reported from the several standing committees no later than May 9, 1980;

That, no later than fifteen minutes before the ordinary time of adjournment on May 15, 1980, the Speaker shall interrupt the proceedings then in progress and put, forthwith and successively, without amendment or debate, every question that may be necessary to dispose of any item of business relating to interim supply, the said supplementary estimates, the restoration or reinstatement of any item in the said supplementary estimates or any opposed item in the said supplementary estimates and, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 72, for the passage at all stages of any bill or bills based thereon,