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### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

#### BILL C-58—TABLING OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval-Ouest):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-58, an Act to amend the Young Offenders Act and the Criminal Code, with amendments.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who took part in the committee's proceedings, the support staff, and especially the Clerk of the Committee, Ms. Santosh Sirpaul, who worked tirelessly, sometimes through the weekend, to prepare reports and comments for the committee.

• (1530)

[English]

#### HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE STATUS OF DISABLED PERSONS—FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford):** Mr. Speaker, I take special pleasure, since today is International Human Rights Day, in presenting the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and the Status of Disabled Persons. Our fourth report is in both official languages and is entitled *Unanswered Questions*.

I believe it is one of the rare times, if not the first, that a standing committee of the House of Commons has used its power to analyze a government response to a previous committee report and to request further information. This fourth report is an analysis of the recent government response to our second report, which called on the government to develop a comprehensive national strategy for the integration of disabled persons into Canadian economic life.

The committee's unanimous view is that the government response, while it contains worth-while initiatives, is not a truly comprehensive response. We are therefore calling on the government for a further contribution to

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the dialogue which our second report initiated. Clear and complete answers to the questions raised by our second report are important so that Canadians, including those with disabilities, will know what to expect from their government. More broadly, they are needed because committees of this House can only be effective if their work is addressed substantively by the government.

Therefore, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the committee requests a comprehensive response to this report within 150 days. We believe this response is already overdue, because it relates entirely to our second report and we are requesting the government to provide its response as soon as possible.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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### PETITIONS

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to present a petition signed by numerous residents of Amherstview, Napanee and other areas near Kingston and the Islands.

These petitioners reside in the riding of Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington, which is represented in this House by a Conservative member who, apparently, will not present these kinds of petitions in the House. However, I am pleased to present it on their behalf, because these people are opposed to the goods and services tax and particularly in so far as the tax applies to books and newspapers.

The petitioners recite that the uninhibited dissemination of the printed word is a cornerstone of our democratic traditions. Accordingly they feel that our democratic structure is threatened as a result of the imposition of this wicked tax on the printed word, and they call upon Parliament to reject the goods and services tax.

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the privilege to lay upon the table three petitions signed by individuals, primarily from the province of Ontario, but also from the province of Quebec, mainly in the area of Ottawa and surrounding communities, who express their sincere opposition to the goods and services tax and in