

*Routine Proceedings***ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS***[Translation]***OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. Gilles Loiselle (Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the annual report of the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions for the year 1989. I hope the information it contains will be useful to all members, the general public and of course all financial institutions subject to federal regulations.

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*[English]***PETITIONS**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table in both official languages the government's response to four petitions.

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

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE*[Translation]***BILL C-12—REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE**

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-12, an act respecting museums, with amendments.

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

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*[English]***CRIMINAL CODE**

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-267, an Act to amend the Criminal Code.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Wappel: Mr. Speaker, this bill addresses the government's lack of action to protect the unborn child. In Canada last year alone, over 60,000 unborn children lost their lives due to the legislative void that was created when the Supreme Court of Canada struck down section 251 of the Criminal Code and thus issued a challenge to Parliament to carry out its duty to protect all Canadians, in or out of the womb.

This bill will include the definition of human being in the Criminal Code, a definition which will specifically include a human foetus or embryo. Thus, the killing of a human being would extend to the killing of unborn Canadians. With the long overdue recognition of the unborn as a human being, this bill will also repeal the provisions relating to infanticide which clearly provide for different types of killing of human beings based on age distinctions only.

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

Ms. Black: Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring a point of order to your attention. I wish to raise with you some concerns and questions that I have about the admissibility of this bill and two other bills which are already on the Order Paper awaiting introduction.

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As a new member of the House, I do not pretend to have all the expertise on parliamentary procedure, but it is my understanding, and it has been my personal experience, that no two similar private members' items can be brought on to the Order Paper. Standing Order 86(5) charges the Chair with the responsibility for determining whether two or more items are so similar as to be substantially the same and for ensuring that the second and subsequent similar items never appear on the Notice Paper.

We already have in this House two very similar anti-choice bills which have been introduced. They have been given first reading and now are awaiting selection in the draw. I wonder, if the House should give this bill first reading, whether we might not have three bills which seek the same ends, which would initiate the same debate and which, if successful, would do exactly the same thing to Canadian women.