

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

TABLING OF APPOINTMENTS

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table in both official languages a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the Government.

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PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to several petitions.

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

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CITIZENSHIP ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-247, an Act to amend the Citizenship Act (oath of allegiance).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, in order to become a Canadian citizen under the existing Citizenship Act, an individual must pledge allegiance to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors. This Bill to amend the Citizenship Act would require a pledge of allegiance to Canada and the Canadian Constitution.

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

Petitions

PETITIONS

VIA RAIL CUT-BACKS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 on behalf of a number of constituents from Kamloops, British Columbia, who are dismayed by the fact that the Government plans to cut out all or most of VIA Rail. They are asking the Government to reconsider the whole matter of these cut-backs. They point out that VIA Rail has provided good passenger service for a number of years and could do a first-class job if it were given the appropriate funding to do so.

They are asking that the Government reconsider its decision to reduce passenger rail service in Canada, to reconsider its decision to cut back on the moneys made available to VIA Rail.

REVISION OF EXTRADITION LAWS

Mr. Walter Van De Walle (St. Albert): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House of Commons a petition certified correct pursuant to Standing Order 36, which calls upon the Government to revise the extradition laws to allow for the extradition of criminals either immediately or after they have been fully dealt with by the Canadian penal system.

This petition represents the signatures of 2,145 concerned citizens from across Canada. These Canadians believe, as I do, that our present extradition laws make Canada a sanctuary for the most dangerous criminals.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY—VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure today to present a petition which has been certified correct pursuant to Standing Order 36.

The 45 signatories, who are residents affiliated with the construction industry in the Sarnia-Lambton area, call upon the Government to introduce legislation which would recognize voluntary retirement at age 55, with no accompanying penalty for early retirement and with full provincial and federal pensions.