Introduction of Bills

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL AND RELOCATION OF CANADIAN EMBASSY IN SYRIA

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present four petitions from my constituents who humbly pray and ask the House that whereas the access to the Canadian Embassy in Syria is very difficult for people who are born or brought up in Christian areas of Lebanon; whereas Lebanese people are harassed by the Syrian roadblocks and guards; whereas Lebanese people are charged a fee upon entering and leaving the Syrian border, that no foreign money is allowed to pass through Syria; these people request that the Canadian embassy be removed from its present location in Syria to a new location in Cyprus.

REMOVAL OF POSTAL BOXES FROM SOUTH PARKDALE AREA

Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present to the House a petition on behalf of the residents of Parkdale-High Park, protesting the removal of postal boxes from the South Parkdale area.

The petition expresses their frustration with the level of service being offered by Canada Post, and I wish to add my endorsement to their demand for the return of the postal boxes to the neighbourhood.

SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-20, an Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 6 and 18. [Text]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION EXPENDITURES Question No. 6—Mr. Crofton:

For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1987, has the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation made or planned capital expenditures over \$50,000 and, if so, by location, what were the amounts?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Communications): 1. I am advised by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows:

It is the CBC's understanding that the Honourable Member is asking, in the context of the Corporation's overall capital budget, for information as to what expenditures in excess of \$50,000 the CBC has made of plans to make, by location, in the extension of transmission service.

Of the very few remaining coverage extension projects, all of which were started before the budget cuts of December, 1984, only one will entail the expenditure of more than \$50,000 in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1987. That project involves an affiliate replacement and is for an FM transmitter at Elk Lake, Ontario, which will broadcast the CBC English radio AM service.

As for the Corporation's over-all capital expenditures for 1986-87, they comprise:

(\$ millions)

Additions and replacements to plant and equipment—primarily involve replacement of obsolete production facilities and in some cases improvements to existing facilities to maintain an efficient operation.

46,115

Replacement of obsolete transmission facilities and extension of the broadcasting service—includes only those extension or affiliate replacement projects that had been started before the announcement of budget cuts in December 1984.

18,140

Consolidation of plant facilities—planning and engineering costs for the proposed consolidation of Toronto CBC facilities.

4,173

Total: 68,428

CREATION OF JOBS

Question No. 18—Mr. Scott (Victoria—Haliburton):

- 1. Since September 4, 1984, have any sponsors in the Constituency of Victoria—Haliburton been approved to create jobs under Section 38 of the *Unemployment Insurance Act* and, if so (a) how many (b) how many jobs have they created?
- 2. What was the total funding involved in the Constituency?

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):

- 1. Yes
 - (a) 15
 - (b) 76
- 2. \$514,914