

Routine Proceedings

He is British. Even though he was living in Britain, his application was somehow magically processed in Detroit, Michigan, in a matter of days.

I ask the minister, why was Carey's application fast-tracked while thousands wait for years?

An hon. member: Double standards.

An hon. member: Look at all those hockey players who get in.

Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will acknowledge that sometimes people do intervene. Members of Parliament often do in order to try to speed up the admission to Canada of someone. In the particular case in question, I will look into it and get back to the member.

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[*Translation*]

QUEBEC'S REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Phillip Edmonston (Chambly): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister. We learned in this morning's *Le Devoir* that the government is thinking of establishing a department or agency to oversee Quebec's regional development. A question was asked about it but went unanswered. I want an answer. Did the government consult Quebec and the Quebec minister? If so, whom and what was the answer? Finally, was the former Minister of External Affairs consulted?

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I answered that question just now, but for my colleague's benefit, I will repeat what I just said. When any government in Canada, federal or provincial, defines an administrative structure, it does not consult other governments. The structure is defined by the government and secondly, it is quite obvious that my colleague is not at all opposed to our setting up mechanisms for regional development in Quebec.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

• (1500)

[*English*]

PETITIONS**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 36(8) of the Standing Orders, I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 11 petitions.

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

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ORDER IN COUNCIL**TABLING OF APPOINTMENTS**

Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of State (Grains and Oilseeds)): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1), these are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committee, a list of which is attached.

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PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS**FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the first and last report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections in relation to the subject matter of the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River in relation to the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Justice and the Solicitor General.

The committee heard from the various parties involved in this case: the then Solicitor General, the hon.