

*Routine Proceedings*

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

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### SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS

#### FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

**Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table the fifth report of the Standing Joint Committee for Scrutiny of Regulations.

This report recommends that the Public Service Commission adopt regulations under the Public Service Employment Act to protect the rights of parties to appeals under sections 21 and 31 of the act. The report reaffirms the committee's earlier recommendations contained in its ninth report in 1988.

The committee finds that for our public servants there is an absence of procedural safeguards to ensure that the appeal process contains the basic requirements of fairness and equity.

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### CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-340, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act (disqualifications of electors).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

• (1510)

**Mr. Redway:** Mr. Speaker, historically those sentenced to imprisonment in penitentiaries have been prohibited from voting. Recently, however, the courts have cast some doubts on this historic penalty. This bill is introduced with the intention of clarifying this fact and provides that any person convicted of an indictable offence and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a penitentiary is not qualified to vote in a federal election, unless the person is granted full parole or a statutory release or is no longer imprisoned on account of a remission.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Mr. Redway moves that the bill be now read a first time and be printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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### PETITIONS

#### WATER DIVERSION

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of British Columbia.

They point out that a Vancouver based company has announced its intention to divert the water of a British Columbia river through a medium of canals, pipelines and other river channels into the San Diego, California area.

This petition is simply requesting the federal government to state categorically the terms of policy that our fresh waters will never be dammed and diverted into the U.S.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, on an unrelated matter, another topic, the petitioners are again from Kamloops, British Columbia.

They call upon Parliament to take immediate steps to specify that accidental violation of the Canadian rail operating rules do not constitute employee misconduct under sections 28 and 30 of the Unemployment Insurance Act.

#### CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to present a petition signed by residents of Calgary, Toronto, Halifax, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa, Bowmanville, Deep River—

**Mr. Boudria:** Any from Hawkesbury?

**Mr. Milliken:** I do not see any from Hawkesbury but they are also from Vancouver and Kelowna, B.C. and from Thornhill and Unionville, Ontario. I may say that this petition clearly has been round the country.

These petitioners are concerned about crimes of violence against the person. They request that Parliament recognize crimes of violence as being serious and abhorrent to society and request that an amendment to the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act and the Parole Act be made by this House to reflect that concern.