

*Tabling of Documents*

**Hon. Walter Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** Madam Speaker, I listened carefully the other day when the Hon. Member for Lincoln (Mr. Mackasey) spoke. I listened carefully to Your Honour's judgment, and I just listened carefully to what the hon. gentleman said now. The hon. gentleman has made it very clear that he wants the matter to be dealt with now. If there are to be any further dealings with it, the hon. gentleman has said that he is quite content that they be dealt with a little later on.

I just want to make it clear to the hon. gentleman that if one is looking upon privileges, he ought not to think of himself as being on trial. I think the people who would be on trial with respect to this matter would be those who are alleged to have breached the privileges of a Member of Parliament. That is what I understand the matter of privilege to be. He is not on trial. He has made his statement in the House of Commons. I worry that the hon. gentleman couches his remarks on the basis that he is on trial. He is not on trial.

The question now is whether or not someone else has breached the privileges of the Hon. Member, and that is the purpose of this matter. That is what I understood the hon. gentleman had in mind. Therefore, I wish the question would be put today and that we would get on with the matter.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Madam Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

Motion agreed to.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS RESPECTING SCOTIA COAL SYN-FUELS PROJECT

**Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Madam Speaker, in addition to the documents already tabled under the provisions of Standing Order 46(2), I wish to table, in the spirit of the Access to Information Act, a list of documents pertaining to the Scotia Coal Synfuels Project, found in the files of the Cape Breton Development Corporation. I recently referred to this list in an earlier response to a question of the Hon. Member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty). I am now in the process of seeking third party agreement to tabling those documents, but without breaching commercial confidentiality.

• (1520)

**PETITIONS**

MR. MURPHY—TAXATION OF NORTHERN ALLOWANCES

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, my petition today is in regard to the taxation of northern benefits and northern allowances. The petitioners, who are supported by the Canadian Teachers' Federation, oppose the taxation of these benefits. They point out the high cost of living in northern communities, the high cost of travel, transportation costs, living costs, etc., and ask that the Government, through the House of Commons, rescind its decision to tax these benefits.

MR. ANGUISH—FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING ACT

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Madam Speaker, I am presenting a petition to the House of Commons today signed by fishermen from the Athabasca Basin region, consisting of that area and communities such as Camsell Portage, Uranium City, Fond-du-Lac, Black Lake and Stoney Rapids. They are requesting that they be allowed to opt out of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act which they say has practically destroyed their industry in this far northern area. There is documented evidence here to back up that allegation.

I would like to say that I have been attempting to meet with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané) concerning this petition since January 27 to discuss the very important problems outlined herein, but in those two months he has ignored my requests. On that basis, I would hope that this petition will be found in order and referred to the Fisheries and Forestry Committee where it will get its due and proper consideration.

MR. LEWYCKY—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATE

**Mr. Laverne Lewycky (Dauphin):** Madam Speaker, this afternoon I am presenting a petition signed by some 205 residents of the federal riding of Dauphin urging the retention of the historical Crow rate. These petitions are presented by people in some 19 places in the Dauphin constituency, and these are in addition to the 1,312 petitions that I presented to this House on June 23, 1982.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 3,902, 3,903, 3,904, 3,906, 3,907, 3,909, 3,910, 3,911, 3,912, 3,913 and 4,515.