

Tabling of Documents

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I will do my best on that. As I indicated, and I do not think the Hon. Member will mind if I mention this publicly, part of the difficulty in having a meeting today is that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) is not in Ottawa today. Quite frankly, I have not had the opportunity of discussing the matter since the meeting of House Leaders with my colleague, the Minister of State for Finance (Mrs. McDougall). I can assure him that we will do our best to get these discussions on as soon as possible.

Mr. MacKay: Mr. Speaker, that is a very legitimate question. A similar report will be tabled very soon. It seemed there was no particular virtue in delaying this one. I wanted to table it as soon as it seemed appropriate. If I have been delinquent in tabling it up to this point, I certainly apologize to the House, but I do not think there was any harm done.

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PETITION

AID TO ETHIOPIA

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the duty to present to the House a petition from the parishioners of Our Lady of the Roman Catholic Church in Larder Lake, Ontario, who have called upon me to thank the House of Commons and the Government of Canada for the recent aid package program to Ethiopia.

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

MANAGEMENT AND MEMBERS' SERVICES
COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling the first report of the Standing Committee on Management and Members' Services. We have finished our work, and I have the honour of tabling the Committee's report in which we have approved your budget, Mr. Speaker.

[*Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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[English]

CORRECTIONAL INVESTIGATOR

TABLING OF 1982-83 ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Correctional Investigator which covers the period June 1, 1982 to May 31, 1983.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with respect to the document which has just been tabled by the Solicitor General (Mr. MacKay). I note that this document covers the period June 1, 1982 to May 31, 1983. As I understand it, this is an annual report and the requirement is that it be tabled annually. I would like an explanation from the Solicitor General as to why there is such a lengthy delay in tabling this particular document. Surely that kind of delay is not acceptable.

Mr. Speaker: I am prepared to allow a question by unanimous consent. As to whether there is a requirement, I am not sure that that is a point of order. The Solicitor General (Mr. MacKay) may want to comment.

CANADA SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches) moves for leave to introduce Bill C-212, an Act to protect and enhance the quality of drinking water in Canada.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Young: The purpose of this Bill would be to protect and enhance drinking water quality in Canada and provide for an opportunity for public involvement in the making of regulations. It would permit water users to sue to recover damages for contravention of the Act.

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

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[Translation]

PUBLIC WORKS ACT
PUBLIC LANDS GRANTS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Roch La Salle (Minister of Public Works), seconded by Mr. Hnatyshyn, moved for leave to introduce Bill C-13, to amend the Public Works Act and the Public Lands Grants Act.

Mr. Speaker, is it the pleasure of the House to authorize the Minister to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.