

Petitions

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

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[English]

SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A), 1982-1983

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting supplementary estimates (A) of sums required for the service of Canada for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1983 and, in accordance with the provisions of The Constitution Act, 1867, was presented by Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board) and read by Madam Speaker to the House.

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PETITIONS**MR. PATTERSON—RECONSIDERATION OF GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION**

Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East): Madam Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition on behalf of a number of my constituents in the riding of Fraser Valley East. The purpose of the petition, signed by more than 130 members and friends of the Chilliwack Fish and Game Club, is to register their protest against the private member's Bill C-451, regarding gun control legislation, which deals with the number of firearms in circulation in this country and the control of the number of firearms in Canada.

Wherefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to oppose this legislation and deal directly with the present gun laws which are cumbersome, expensive to administer and ineffective except to harass law-abiding people.

MR. IRWIN—SALE OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER BY ONTARIO HYDRO

Mr. Ron Irwin (Sault Ste. Marie): Madam Speaker, I have the privilege of presenting a petition of 3,000 names of citizens of Ottawa, collected by Mr. Richard Delaney, requesting the Cabinet not to approve an Ontario Hydro scheme to sell power to General Public Utilities of New Jersey unless proper emission control devices are included. If Canada is to have any credibility in this environmental field, Madam Speaker, then this petition should be considered as seriously as the all-party petition of 139 Members of Parliament and the other place requesting basically the same disposition.

In addition, as well as the petition, the Ottawa Board of Education approved a resolution requesting that the students in science classes be exposed to the petition, discuss the matter and vote. The results of the vote are enclosed with the petition. Seventeen Ottawa schools have responded. One hundred and seventy three are in favour of the present Ontario Hydro

proposal, while 4,568 are in favour of imposition of environmental controls as a pre-condition of approval.

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[Translation]

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REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I move, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 59:

That the supplementary estimates (A) 1982-83, laid upon the Table earlier today, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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[English]

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. 2,960 and 4,177.

[Text]

NATIONAL FILM BOARD—UNINSURED LOSSES

Question No. 2,960—**Mr. Clarke:**

With reference to the uninsured losses of more than \$1,000 of equipment recorded by the Department of the Secretary of State for the National Film Board in footnote No. 17 at page 13.4, volume 1 of the 1979-80 Public Accounts of Canada, under what circumstances was the film projector lost and (a) who was culpable (b) were any convictions made and, if so, what sentences were imposed (c) are any trials or appeals pending (d) was the equipment replaced (e) did the department undertake steps to ensure that such losses did not recur and, if so, what were they?

Mr. Jack Masters (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): I am informed by the National Film Board as follows:

1. The projector was loaned to Manitou College, a private Indian corporation occupying premises administered by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, as part of the National Film Board's commitment to community development under the government's Challenge for Change program. The college was closed and the premises are now under the administration of the Department of the Solicitor General, which established a penitentiary institution there. The matter of the missing projector was referred to the Department of Justice, which was acting for the above-mentioned two departments to solve problems caused by the closing of the institution. The Department of Justice reported