

The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger) did not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

WELCOME EXTENDED TO MR. YANAKIS ON RETURN TO HOUSE

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe):** Madam Speaker, on behalf of all the Members of the House, it is a pleasure for me to welcome back to the House the Hon. Member for Berthier-Maskinongé-Lanaudière (Mr. Yanakis) after having undergone a very serious heart operation involving several months of recuperation. I know I reflect the thoughts of all the Hon. Members of the House and wish Tony Yanakis continued good health in all the years ahead.

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

AGREEMENT NOT TO SIT ON FRIDAY, JUNE 10

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North):** Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to inquire of the Government House Leader whether he can confirm that the House will not be sitting this Friday, in keeping with tradition, in order that we may carry out the Progressive Conservative Convention.

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Yes, Madam Speaker, we want to go by tradition. It is with pleasure that we agree not to sit this Friday, knowing that in the past and in the future the same courtesy has been and will be extended to the different Parties in this place. Therefore this Friday the House will not be sitting.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PETITIONS

MR. ANGUISH—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake):** Madam Speaker, I have the duty and honour today to present a petition in the House signed by residents of the Shaunavon and Dollard frontier areas in Saskatchewan, all members of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool who oppose any changes in the statutory Crow rate. And, as in duty bound your petitioners ever pray.

MR. ALTHOUSE—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILE ON CANADIAN SOIL

**Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre):** Madam Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition from residents of

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the town of Semans in Saskatchewan, who exercise their right to present a petition to the House which reads: "Whoever wants to test the Cruise missile should test it in their own country, not in Canada. We call on the Government to refuse to test the Cruise missile".

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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. 4,621 and 4,841.

[Text]

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Question No. 4,621—**Mr. Stewart:**

1. Did Lavalin International Incorporated make application to the Export Development Corporation for financial guarantees or credit insurance in connection with (a) four construction projects in Algeria (b) the construction of a sour gas plant in the Astrakhan region of the USSR?

2. Is (a) Algeria (b) the USSR eligible for credit from the Corporation and, if so, what would be the total dollar amount of credit that each would be eligible for?

3. What interest rates does the Corporation apply to credit loans from foreign buyers in such instances and do standard Canadian bank interest rates apply?

**Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of State (International Trade)):** Export Development Corporation states that:

1. (a) and (b) As a matter of general policy the Corporation does not disclose where applications are made to the Corporation for financial guarantees or credits insurance, information on transactions such as that which is of the subject of the present request. In view of the intense competition that prevails among countries in foreign trade and because information on bids, participation or negotiations, given at the application stage by companies to EDC in confidence, would assist an exporter's competitors both foreign and domestic, the Corporation, to respect that confidence, refrains from even indicating that it has been approached for financial guarantees or credits insurance in a transaction.

2. (a) and (b) In principle Algeria and the USSR are eligible for export credits financing from the Corporation to facilitate the sale of Canadian goods and services only. Such credits are available in support of Canadian exporters on a case-by-case basis after giving consideration to certain criteria applied by EDC to each transaction such as: the creditworthiness of the foreign borrower and country; the nature and extent of the security offered; the financial and economic soundness of the project, the financial justification for extended credit terms; the level of Canadian material and labour content; the industrial benefits to Canada; and the expectation