

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton.

MR. BLAIKIE—SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION OF MR. KEEPER

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I was wondering if perhaps the Speaker could assist me in one area of the point of order dealing with supplementary questions. I understand that the criterion for a supplementary is that it be on the same subject matter rather than that it be put to the same Minister. Now that that has been established, I was wondering—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member is raising a matter that we have discussed at some length today. I would be quite prepared to reply privately or in other circumstances to the Hon. Member, but the matter has been dealt with today.

Mr. Benjamin: No, it has not.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a new point of order?

Mr. Speaker: If the Hon. Member has a point of order, will he please state it?

Mr. Dick: Thank you. If you would give me an opportunity to speak, I will, Mr. Speaker.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Dick: I prefaced my remarks by saying what I understood you to say, and I wanted to make sure I was not in error. I was wondering how, in circumstances where you do not even listen to the question, you would know what the subject matter was?

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member should know better.

Mr. Dick: It is true.

Mr. Speaker: Presenting Reports from Standing and Special Committees.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

PRESENTATION OF FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the fourth report, Statutory Instruments, No. 23, of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, in both official languages.

Petitions

PETITIONS

MR. ALLMAND—THREAT TO PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA—CANADA'S POSITION

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition with respect to Central America signed by thousands of Canadians to the honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your Honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that global peace is threatened by the growing conflict in Central America. Central America is being turned into a war zone by the arming of privileged elites against the pressures of social change. Canada, by taking decisive public action, can reinforce the threatened prospects for peace. Peace in Central America must be founded on the basis of non-intervention and self-determination, and that Canada can and must do more than praise the Contadora peace initiative. Militarism, repression and—

Mr. Speaker: The rules regarding petitions do not permit the reading of a lengthy petition. Would the Hon. Member state the purpose of his petition?

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Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I must say that I cleared this beforehand with certain officials and was led to believe that this was proper. However, if you wish, I will get to the conclusion of the petition.

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray that the House of Commons will recommend that the Prime Minister state publicly and clearly Canada's unequivocal opposition to the United States military intervention in Central America; press publicly for immediate concrete initiatives to demilitarize Central America, including the end to all foreign military aid, the withdrawal of foreign military forces, and an end to the covert war against Nicaragua; urge the United States to open unconditional negotiations with the opposition in El Salvador; suspend Canadian bilateral aid until Honduras renews its neutrality; establish a Canadian embassy in Managua; and initiate immediate and sizeable humanitarian and bilateral aid.

MR. HALLIDAY—MEASURES TO COMBAT PORNOGRAPHY

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and duty to present a petition signed by residents of the town of Tillsonburg and the surrounding area who call for stricter laws governing pornography. This petition is signed by over 4,000 men and women, Mr. Speaker. I would urge the House to bear in mind their concerns.

MR. MITGES—COMPENSATION TO JAPANESE CANADIANS INTERNED DURING WORLD WAR II

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition from the Grey presbytery of the United