

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, December 18, 1989

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

ORDER IN COUNCIL

TABLING OF APPOINTMENTS AND REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1), these are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

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PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government responses to 16 petitions.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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COMMITTEES

BILL C-18—REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-18, an act to establish the Depart-

ment of Multiculturalism and Citizenship and to amend certain acts in relation thereto, with amendments.

I wish to express my appreciation for the co-operation of the members of the committee, and as well to the staff of the committee who performed a great service.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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INTEGRATED CIRCUIT TOPOGRAPHY ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology): moved for leave to introduce Bill C-57, an act to provide for the protection of integrated circuit topographies and to amend certain acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the hon. minister should have leave to introduce the bill?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

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[*Translation*]

WOMEN

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADOPTION BY THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, today is an important day for women in Canada and around the world. On the one hand, it allows us to reflect on the progress we have made towards equality, as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption by the United Nations of The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

[*English*]

At the same time, we are reminded that we have barely scratched the surface of our understanding of the