

*Routine Proceedings*

**Mr. Speaker:** I think we probably better close off this exchange which apparently I started. The hon. member for Kamloops.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I do have a question for my hon. friend. He referred to the other place as being on vacation. Would the minister explain how it is possible to be on a vacation from a vacation?

**Mr. Speaker:** I am glad I do not have to reserve on that question.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

### PETITIONS

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 98 petitions.

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

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### SMALL BUSINESS LOANS ACT

#### TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I am pleased to table on behalf of my colleague, the Minister of Western Economic Diversification and the minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, two copies, in both official languages, of the annual report on the administration of the Small Business Loans Act for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1989.

If I may, I would like to add my sincere appreciation to all members of the House and to hon. senators in the other place for the speedy passage given to Bill C-56, which extends for three more years the Small Business Loans Act.

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

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[*Translation*]

### ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

#### TABLING AND REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** It is a great

pleasure for me to table in the House today, in both official languages, the Orders in Council announcing appointments made recently by the government.

Pursuant to Standing Order 110(1), these orders are deemed to have been referred to the standing committees named in the appendix.

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[*English*]

## HOUSING

### FEDERAL LAND DEVELOPMENT

**Hon. Alan Redway (Minister of State (Housing)):** Madam Speaker, last October I had the pleasure of announcing the release for development of a second parcel of surplus federal land in the Toronto area, in an effort to address the imbalance between the supply of suitable building sites and the demand for new housing in that area.

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Our commitment with both the Downsview lands and the Vaughan site is to create fully integrated communities with a broad range of incomes and to ensure by providing a mix of housing forms and types that at least 25 per cent of the 7,500 new homes would be affordable.

[*Translation*]

Today, I am pleased to announce to the House the implementation by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Canadian agency responsible for housing development, of two new projects which will contribute to alleviate further the shortage of affordable housing both in Toronto and Vancouver. The significance of these two initiatives lies not only in the number of housing units involved, but in the leadership they provide to others.

[*English*]

In the Kitsilano community of Vancouver, CMHC presently owns and operates two housing projects comprising 349 units on 16 sites—the Vancouver Terraces and Broadway Apartments. The buildings are in need of upgrading and no longer meet the changing needs of their aging occupants. Redevelopment is essential but at the same time the very word “redevelopment” has negative implications for many people. Our approach will hopefully become a model for other residential property owners.