Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I find that answer very interesting.

Mr. Epp: We do, too.

Mr. Bellemare: My second question is again for the Prime Minister and is about another Canadian security organization. The Communications Security Establishment collects foreign intelligence on matters such as the storming of Iranian embassies around the world last April 5. Surely the Communications Security Establishment had prior knowledge of these similar incidents.

• (1500)

Can the Prime Minister assure Canadians that the CSE did in fact have this information and transmitted it to either CSIS or the RCMP?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I find the hon. member's question very interesting as well, as he finds my answer interesting.

As I indicated earlier, the Security Intelligence Review Committee is looking fully at all matters related to the Iranian embassy incident. The Solicitor General will be back on Wednesday. He would make any answer that is appropriate at that time.

If the hon, member has anything other than allegations to make, if he has any evidence as such, he should turn it over to the committee which is non-partisan and which will certainly look at it very closely.

PRESENCE IN GALLERY

Mr. Speaker: I wish to draw to the members' attention the presence in the gallery of Her Excellency Noemi Sanin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Routine Proceedings

WAYS AND MEANS

TABLING OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (Finance and Privatization)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 83(1), I wish to table a notice of a Ways and Means motion to amend the Excise Tax Act and Income Tax Act, and I ask that an Order of the Day be designated for consideration of the motion.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL

TABLING OF APPOINTMENTS AND REFERENCE

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): 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.

[Translation]

CANADIAN TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Right Hon. Joe Clark (President of the Privy Council and Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2) of the House of Commons, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, the annual report of the Canadian Transportation Safety Board for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1991.

[English]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Ken James (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 34 petitions.

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