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2.30 o'clock, p.m.

PRAYERS.

The Clerk of the House laid upon the Table the Tenth Report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he had examined the following petition presented on February 15, by Mr. Goode and finds that it meets the requirements of Standing Order 70 as to form:

Geo. F. Nichols and two others, all of Burnaby, B.C., praying for such measures as may be deemed expedient by the House to effect consideration by the Government of Canada and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation of the advisability of permitting the establishment of a private television station at Burnaby, B.C.

Related documents presented with the said petition consist of petitions addressed to Mr. T. H. Goode, M.P., from allegedly 13,330 persons resident in the lower mainland of British Columbia; and, although relative to the same matter, are not purported in the petition to constitute an appendix and, therefore, do not invalidate the petition proper as to form.

Mr. Speaker decided that, although the above-mentioned petition met the requirements of Standing Order 70, it was irregular in that it did not set forth a case in which the House had jurisdiction to interfere since Parliament had vested in the Governor in Council and in the Minister of Transport the exclusive authority to approve and issue licences for the operation of private television stations, and that the petition could not be received.