

insisting that new employees pass a mandatory urine test for drugs. This is the latest in a list of Canadian organizations that require this kind of test for employment purposes. Does the Minister agree with mandatory tests for drugs as a condition for getting a job in this country, or does he agree with many Canadians, including many experts, that this is a possible violation of the Canadian Charter of Rights?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I think a couple of things should be made quite clear with respect to the question raised yesterday by the Hon. Member. It is important to understand that AMC is under provincial jurisdiction in this matter, so that it is not a matter of federal jurisdiction. In terms of our national drug strategy, I think it has been made quite clear by the Minister of National Health and Welfare and other spokespersons on behalf of the Government that mandatory testing is not part of our drug strategy and will not be part of it. I believe our position with respect to this issue is quite clear.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

PARKER COMMISSION—LEGAL EXPENSES OF FORMER MINISTER'S WIFE

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, Canadians are outraged and find it unconscionable that the Government should be paying the legal fees for the former Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion at the Parker Inquiry. I learned today that the Government is considering paying Mrs. Noreen Stevens' legal fees. Will the Government assure the House and Canadians that under no circumstances will it pay Mrs. Noreen Stevens' legal fees at the Parker Inquiry?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, that is simply a hypothetical question and I think the Hon. Member knows it. If such a decision is made—which I do not believe is contemplated—he will certainly find out about it in due course. I do not anticipate that such is the case.

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THE ROYAL ASSENT

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows:

Rideau Hall
Ottawa,

November 5, 1986

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Right Honourable Brian Dickson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy

Petitions

Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 5th day of November, 1986, at 5.00 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to one Bill.

Yours sincerely,
Léopold H. Amyot
Secretary to the Governor General

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Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, the Minister responsible for Canada Post is unavoidably detained. With unanimous consent, may we revert to that item later?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

PRESENTATION OF FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary-Sud): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the First report of Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources, in the two official languages—Mrs. Sparrow.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings for the above report.]

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[English]

PETITIONS

FUNDING OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present the following petition on behalf of the Canadian Federation of Students, signed by 67 students from eight different provinces, calling upon the Government to request a First Ministers Conference to renegotiate a fair and equitable and progressive agreement for the funding of post-secondary education.

MISSING CHILDREN LEGISLATION—EFFECT ON POLICE INITIATIVES

Mr. Terry Clifford (London—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of the parents of Tecumseh Elementary School, Home and School members and citizens of London-Middlesex. This petition deals with missing children and Bill C-70, which, for financial expediency, considers children missing after six months to be dead. They want assurance that this Bill will have no bearing or effect on police department initiatives and efforts to find any missing children, and in fact calls upon the Government to enhance programs to facilitate the identification and recovery of missing children in Canada.