

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 29, 1989

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

STRIKING COMMITTEE PRESENTAION OF FIFTH REPORT

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the fifth report of the Striking Committee.

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

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[*English*]

PETITIONS

VIA RAIL SERVICES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents who are pointing out their concern about the Government's intentions with regard to VIA Rail. They indicate the tremendous successes that VIA Rail has experienced in terms of providing effective passenger rail service. They are calling upon Parliament to maintain, improve, and modernize VIA Rail service in those areas of the country where it can provide a more rapid, economic, safe, convenient, environmentally sound, and energy efficient alternative to other means of transportation.

ARMX '89—MILITARIZATION OF ECONOMY

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I have a second petition to present on behalf of a number of petitioners from Kamloops, British Columbia who are concerned about the Government's militarization of the economy as reflected most recently in ARMX '89.

They are concerned that Canada is sending military or paramilitary equipment and policing equipment to countries which have a record of human rights violations. They are asking Parliament to take steps to stop the Government from continuing this process.

VIA RAIL SERVICES

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and privilege to present a petition that has been certified correct as to form and content by the Clerk of Petitions.

This petition which deals with the continuation of VIA Rail is signed by an incredible range of Canadians from one end of the country to the other. The signatures were collected at the train station in Thunder Bay on May 10 and represents the feelings of the passengers of the Transcontinental who desperately want to make sure that there remains a transcontinental train in this country.

REVISION OF EXTRADITION LAWS

Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a group of 22 petitions which have all been certified by the Clerk as being correct as to form and content pursuant to Standing Order 36.

These petitions call on the Government to revise the extradition laws to allow the Minister of Justice to order extradition of fugitives and not allow them to hide within our penal system. I join with these petitioners in urging our Government to make the necessary revisions to prevent Canada from becoming a haven for foreign fugitives.

VIA RAIL SERVICES

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to present a petition signed by a number of constituents in Kingston and the Islands who are protesting the Government's proposed cut-backs in VIA Rail train service in Canada.

The petitioners call upon the Government not to cancel in whole or in part VIA passenger rail service in Canada which, they indicate by signing this petition, they believe has played an integral part in the economic development of our country.