

*Tabling of Documents*

start the business on Monday; but if the evidence is not within the hands of Hon. Members, I would say that the administration is delinquent in not providing it for Members—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Lambert:**—or the proceedings are meaningless. I say to the Chair that when these timetables were worked out, the clear indication was that Hon. Members would have all material available to them so that they could avail themselves of the 24 hours requirement to file any amendments at report stage.

I am dealing here with a report-back on a Bill which has been referred to Committee. If Hon. members do not have that evidence before them—other than having to go scurrying downstairs to the Journals branch to obtain photocopies and that sort of thing—it is not good enough. It is up to the administration either to ascertain that the evidence will be available almost immediately, whatever steps it may take, or for the Chair to assure itself that Members have the material. Otherwise it is a pure contempt of the rights of Members to proceed with legislation.

**Madam Speaker:** If the administration were delinquent, I would say that it was contempt. I want to tell the Hon. Member that the administration is good enough and that we have not been in neglect of producing the documents necessary to proceed with the Bill. If the Bill is proceeded with on Monday, I assure the Hon. Member that the documentation in question will be printed and ready for Hon. Members to consult. At the present time the Hon. Member may consult these documents since they have been tabled.

Documents have always been ready on time. In the time I have been here I have only heard of one occasion where the documents, although ready at the back of the chair, were not produced several hours ahead of time. The administration is not delinquent. I would be grateful if the Hon. Member would wait until the administration is delinquent before accusing it of being delinquent.

**Mr. Peterson:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I take tremendous exception to the remarks of the Hon. Member for Edmonton West. The people on that Committee worked right through the night. They were working on a five-minute basis in order to have those documents here. I hope the Hon. Member will take home those pages and read every one of them; there are six inches of them. We owe a great debt of thanks for the work our Committee personnel have done.

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**ABORIGINAL RIGHTS**

## TABLING OF 1983 CONSTITUTIONAL ACCORD

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table copies in both official languages of the

1983 Constitutional Accord on Aboriginal Rights reached at the First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal constitutional matters in Ottawa, March 15 and 16, 1983.

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**PETITIONS**

## MR. NEIL—RETENTION OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

**Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present to the Honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled a petition pursuant to the provision of Standing Order 71, which in brief prays that this House reject the Pepin proposal and retain the present Crow rate. The petition attached bears the signatures of 141 electors and was sent to me in my capacity as Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw for transmittal to the honourable the House of Commons in Parliament assembled. If the petition is found to be in order, Madam Speaker, I pray it will be referred to an appropriate committee of the House of Commons.

MR. MITGES—MAINTENANCE OF INSURANCE INDUSTRY  
COURIER SERVICE

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe):** Madam Speaker, I have to present a petition from concerned insurance brokers from my riding who are very upset regarding the present definition of a "letter" and how this definition is detrimental to the welfare of their business and to the public which they serve. According to the brokers, the public interest requires the insurance industry to maintain fast and dependable service to their clients to deliver correspondence within the insurance industry, and the only way this can be maintained is to retain the use of couriers to deliver its internal mailings. This service provides speedy, reliable delivery of time-sensitive items at minimum cost. The insurance industry would like to maintain this system which has proved so efficient.

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**SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS ACT (NO. 4)**

## AMENDMENT TO EXTEND TERMINATION DATE FOR LOANS

**Hon. William Rompkey (for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-144, an Act to amend the Small Businesses Loans Act (No. 4).

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)