

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 22, 1990

The House met at 11 a.m.

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*Prayers*

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

#### STRIKING—PRESENTATION OF FIFTY-FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the Fifty-Fifth Report of the Striking Committee, in both official languages. This report concerns the membership of legislative committees and, pursuant to Standing Order 113(1), shall be deemed adopted upon presentation.

#### BILL C-82—PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland—St. Catharines—Thorold):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-82, an Act to amend an Act to provide for the appointment of a Port Warden for the Harbour of Quebec and an Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the office of Port Warden for the Harbour of Montreal, and to validate certain fees and charges established pursuant thereto, without amendments.

[*English*]

#### ENVIRONMENT—FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Hon. David MacDonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Environment.

I should report to members of the House that I believe the difficulties which have existed have been overcome

and that we anticipate the minister appearing before the committee at four o'clock next Tuesday afternoon.

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

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## PETITIONS

### VIA RAIL

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, indeed it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of Kamloops who are well known environmentalists.

The petitioners point out the fact that the most environmentally friendly way of travel is by passenger rail. They ask the government to reconsider the decision to curtail a number of VIA Rail routes and to invest in this environmentally friendly way of transportation.

### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** On an unrelated matter, Mr. Speaker, it is my honour, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition again on behalf of a number of British Columbians who oppose the government's goods and services tax.

The petitioners point out that a recent referendum in the city of Vancouver found that 85 per cent of those participating in the referendum oppose the goods and services tax and are asking the government to listen to Canadians, respond to the wishes of Canadians, heed the concerns of the small business community, in particular, and back off the GST.

• (1110)

[*Translation*]

### PARLIAMENT HILL

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I wish to table a petition in which residents of Val d'Or and Barraute, in the Abitibi area, call upon the Government of Canada to scrap the so-called Hill project that would spend \$68 million on building an underground parking garage and shopping mall under the Parliament Buildings, and ask the gov-