

*Committee Reports*

Luther King said: "I have a dream. Oh, I have a dream", that dream did not mean that people would starve to provide the weapons of war which can destroy the earth.

When I reflect upon human rights in the context of my country, I recognize that here too we fall short of that dream. I find no source of pride in our treatment of the aboriginal peoples, rooted as it is all too often in racism.

However, even though Canada does not represent perfection, I am very proud to be a Canadian. We are a nation only beginning to measure our potential greatness. As a boy I grew up in a different Canada, as someone who was different, but I learned that change is possible in our country when one is determined to be a part of it. That I am now a member of this place is the measure of the extent of the change which has occurred.

*[Translation]*

As a nation, we are unique in our focus not only on property rights but also, and more fundamentally, on social justice as reflected in the range and humanistic approach of our social programs, and, more obviously, in our Official Languages Act, our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and our provincial laws that prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, religion, sex, language and physical or other handicaps.

*[English]*

This is a nation which has changed since my childhood into a multiracial and multiethnic nation. We have the potential to be the greatest nation in the world, not because of our might but because we have accepted our diversity and because we will release, through our commitment to social justice, the yet untapped but magnificent potential of our many peoples. We shall be as devoted to the right to freedom, equality and self-determination for other nations as we are for ourselves. This is the kind of greatness to be shared with other nations and the kind of leadership this world so desperately needs if that common dream of 1948 is ever to be fulfilled.

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**COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE****FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—SECOND REPORT OF  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Hon. Bob Layton (Lachine):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Chairman, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the second report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

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

**RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—FIRST REPORT OF  
STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Mr. Bill Tupper (Nepean—Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today as Chairman of the Standing Committee on

Research Science and Technology to present the first report of the Standing Committee, in both official languages.

The committee has considered the Order in Council appointment of Bruce Howe to the post of Secretary to the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Oberle) which was referred on October 16, 1986. Your committee has examined the qualifications of the appointee and finds him competent to perform the duties of the post.

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Speaker, I just want to state at this point that I dissent in the report of the committee.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I regret to inform the Hon. Member that it is our of order for him to do this at this stage.

**Mr. Berger:** If I may, on a point of order, I would like to share with the Chair my concern about this procedure and with the hearing which was held into the appointment of Mr. Howe to Secretary to the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Oberle).

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I regret I cannot allow the Hon. Member to continue. The rules do not allow the Hon. Member to comment on a committee report at this stage. However, if the Hon. Member wants to consult with the Table there may be other means by which to do so.

**Mr. Berger:** Again on a point of order, Mr. Speaker, if I could explain to the Chair the nature of my concern, I think the Chair might agree that this is a point of order.

The committees of the House, as I understand it, have the opportunity to review an Order in Council appointment within 30 days of the date of the Order in Council appointment. However, it so happens that in this particular case the nominee has not yet taken up his duties as Secretary to the Minister of State for Science and Technology. Therefore, when he appeared before our committee, he was unable to answer any of the questions which were put to him regarding—

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**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I regret I cannot allow the Hon. Member to continue. I do not think he has raised a point of order. However, if the Hon. Member has a grievance, the Chair would be willing to consider it if the Hon. Member would be willing to put it in writing. I cannot allow the Hon. Member to comment about the committee. I rule that he has not raised a point of order at this time.

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**PETITIONS****OPPOSITION TO CUT-BACKS TO RESEARCH**

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of western Canada who are concerned about the