

LAW REFORM COMMISSION

TABLING OF REPORT

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to lay upon the Table of the House in both official languages a copy of the report of the Law Reform Commission of Canada entitled "Writs of Assistance and Tele-warrants". I ask that this report be referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

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PETITIONS

MR. SHIELDS—QUALITY OF SERVICES OF ALBERTA
BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition on behalf of a number of my constituents in the riding of Athabasca. The purpose of the petition, signed by 169 residents of the City of Fort McMurray, is to register their dissatisfaction with the quality of service being offered by the Alberta Broadcasting Corporation. This company has removed the parliamentary channel from the lower band, as well as CBC North, to make room for the Pay-TV stations, which must be subscribed to. In addition, due to the increase in the tax on cablevision contained in the April, 1983 budget, the cablevision fees have gone up by 11 per cent. Therefore, not only are my constituents receiving less service, they must pay more for that reduced service.

The nature of this petition is to request that Parliament intervene by persuading cable TV stations to put the parliamentary debates on the lower band so that the citizens of Fort McMurray who do not have converters can continue to view them without being forced to pay for a converter.

The petitioners hope that in Madam Speaker's examination you will find the petition in order, sense the urgency of their plea and that you might use the discretionary powers vested in your office to allow discussion and referral of this petition to the Standing Committee on Communications at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I rise on a brief point of order. I just want to clarify and be more precise. I have checked, and in answer to the question posed by the Hon. Member for Nepean-Carleton (Mr. Baker) the list of acting Ministers was tabled last Monday. Therefore, it is in the public record. If the Hon. Member refers to *Hansard* the list is appended.

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): I thank the Minister.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Order Paper Questions

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,599, to 4,614 inclusive.

[Text]

MINK CREEK MUNICIPAL DRAIN

Question No. 4,599—**Mr. Dick:**

Will the Government be contributing more funds to the Eastern Ontario Subsidiary Agreement to assist in the construction of the Mink Green Municipal Drain in the Township of Bromley, which is urgently needed as it will be of great benefit to agriculture in the area, and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is concerned:

Assistance to the Township of Bromley for the construction of the Mink Creek Municipal Drain was approved by the management committee for the Eastern Ontario Subsidiary Agreement on December 3, 1982 in the total amount of \$64,110 to be cost-shared equally (50/50) by Canada and the Province of Ontario.

SNAKE RIVER MUNICIPAL DRAIN

Question No. 4,600—**Mr. Dick:**

Will the Government be contributing more funds to the Eastern Ontario Subsidiary Agreement to assist in the construction of the Snake River Municipal Drain in the Township of Bromley, which is urgently needed as it will be of great benefit to agriculture in the area, and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is concerned:

Assistance to the Township of Bromley for the construction of the Snake River North Tributary Municipal Drain was approved by the management committee for the Eastern Ontario Subsidiary Agreement on December 3, 1982 in the total amount of \$46,544 to be cost-shared equally (50/50) by Canada and the Province of Ontario.

SNAKE RIVER UPPER HARRIS MUNICIPAL DRAIN

Question No. 4,601—**Mr. Dick:**

Will the Government be contributing more funds to the Eastern Ontario Subsidiary Agreement to assist in the construction of the Snake River Upper Harris Municipal Drain in the Township of Bromley, which is urgently needed as it will be of great benefit to agriculture in the area, and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is concerned:

Assistance to the Township of Bromley for the construction of the Snake River Upper Harris Municipal Drain was approved by the management committee for the Eastern Ontario Subsidiary Agreement on December 3, 1982 in the