INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

TABLING OF REPORT ON RESIDING OFFICERS' VISIT TO CANBERRA

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101, I have the honour to present to the House the report, in both official languages, of the visit by residing officers to Canberra for the inauguration address and first meetings of the Senate and the House of Representatives in the new Parliament House, August 21 to 24, 1988.

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

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CANADIAN HERITAGE LANGUAGES INSTITUTE ACT

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-152, an Act to establish the Canadian Heritage Languages Institute. Today is a very appropriate time to report the Bill establishing the Canadian Heritage Languages Institute.

I want to thank the members of the committee for their cooperation.

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

PETITIONS

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106 on behalf of a number of constituents from western Canada who believe that the present Government lacks a mandate from the people of Canada to conclude a trade deal with the United States.

They believe very strongly, Mr. Speaker, that as a result of the trade deal Canadian sovereignty would be seriously compromised. They believe also that the deal itself would deny Canada the policy freedom to determine its own economic future and undermine Canada's ability to build a society distinct from that of the United States.

They actually have a whole number of other concerns. Let me simply summarize by saying that they are asking for Parliament to dissolve now to allow the people of Canada an opportunity to accept or reject the proposed trade deal during a national general election.

INSTALLATION OF CANADA POST SUPERMAILBOXES IN MAPLE, ONTARIO

Mr. Anthony Roman (York North): Pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of

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constituents asking the Government to intercede with Canada Post regarding the installation of supermailboxes in Maple, Ontario.

These petitioners live in an old, established community which never has had door-to-door delivery and which does not wish to see the problems associated with supermailboxes.

They are much more willing to continue their tradition of general mail delivery and pick up, and estimate that 90 per cent of their community is in agreement. Many of these individuals are angry. They, all of them, look to our Government for an ear to their needs and a stop to this construction.

CHILD CARE-REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BILL

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): I have the privilege, pursuant to Standing Order 106, to present a petition on behalf of the residents of Fort Francis and Ignace in my riding.

Mr. Speaker, your petitioners today call upon the Government to withdraw what they see as an inadequate child care Act which contains neither national standards nor adequate funding arrangements.

OUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 397 and 410.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

Question No. 397-Mrs. Sparrow:

Has the government ever granted a postal franchise in the Lake Bonavista Shopping Centre in Calgary and, if so (a) during what period of time (b) was there any (i) profit involved (ii) loss to the government and, if so, in what amount?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. No. Providing postal services through a "franchised" outlet is a relatively new approach for the Corporation. A "postal franchise" has never existed at the Lake Bonavista Shopping Centre. However, until recently there was a private sector postal outlet located in the Shopping Centre—known as a Retail Postal Outlet.

In the immediate vicinity of Lake Bonavista Shopping Centre, there are two Retail Postal Outlets currently operating. These include RPO No. 122 in Southcentre Mall, located at Macleod Trail and Anderson Road, and RPO No. 156 in the Deer Valley Shopping Centre, located at Canyon Meadows Drive and Bow Bottom Trail.