

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, June 22, 1989

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (CANADA)

TABLING OF FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Section 150(1) of the Financial Administration Act and Standing Order 32(2), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the first annual report of Emergency Preparedness (Canada).

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

STRIKING COMMITTEE—ELEVENTH REPORT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the eleventh report of the Striking Committee. If the House would give its consent, I intend to move concurrence in this report later. We would ask that at that time that we dispense with the usual reading by the Clerk as it is simply membership changes.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

FINANCE—FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of presenting in both official languages, the first report of the Standing Committee on Finance, in relation to Canada's monetary policy.

[*Translation*]

The Finance Committee therefore recommends:

1. That the Bank of Canada moderate its monetary policy and not resist downward market pressure on interest rates, whatever the consequences for the value of the Canadian dollar abroad.
2. That the Government consider the advisability of relying less on short-term debt by considerably modifying its debt structure in favour of the longer term, as market conditions permit.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

Hon. Frank Oberle (for the Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-29, an Act to establish the Department of Forestry, to amend the Forestry Development and Research Act and to make related amendments to other Acts.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to grant the Minister leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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JUDGES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Doug Lewis (for the President of the Treasury Board) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-30, an Act to amend the Judges Act.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to grant the Minister leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.