

potential for the Government of Canada to do buying and selling of all agricultural products within Canada.

The petitioners hope that in Madam Speaker's examination of this petition, you will find the petition is 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 Agriculture at the earliest possible moment.

#### MR. FULTON—OPERATIONS OF AMAX LTD.

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Madam Speaker, I again have the honour to table a petition calling for a full public inquiry into the Amax permit issued in the Amax operation in my riding. The petitioners this time ask that the Order in Council SOR/79345, the Alice Arm Tailings Deposit Regulations of April 10, 1979, be withdrawn, and further that a full public inquiry be held before commencement of the operation of the Amax molybdenum mine at Kitsault, British Columbia. The petitioners are from all across Canada. Some of the petitions were forwarded to me from the office of the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. I trust that they are properly filed and that your office will take whatever steps are possible to ensure that the request of these petitioners is upheld.

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#### CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

##### AMENDMENTS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION ON GROUND OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-676, an Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

**Some Hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Robinson (Burnaby):** Madam Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to implement the repeated recommendations of the Canadian Human Rights Commission to add as a prohibited ground of discrimination at the federal Government level sexual orientation. This legislative change is long overdue and would put an end to discrimination against homosexuals and lesbians throughout federal jurisdiction, including in the Canadian Armed Forces.

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

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#### STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

##### APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, I have two motions which I believe will receive unanimous consent as discussions

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have taken place between the Parties. The first motion reads as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry be empowered to appoint nine Members of the House to act as a subcommittee to investigate, monitor and report on all aspects of acid rain;

That the Subcommittee and members of the Subcommittee have the power to adjourn and travel from place to place in Canada and the United States of America and that the necessary staff accompany the Subcommittee and members of the Subcommittee;

That the Subcommittee have the power to retain the services of expert, professional, technical and clerical staff as may be deemed necessary; and

That Subcommittee shall report to the Committee from time to time.

I might add, Madam Speaker, that there is an understanding that the split on that Committee as between the Parties would be five Liberal Members, three Conservative Members and one NDP Member.

**Madam Speaker:** Does the House agree to the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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#### PENSION REFORM

##### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, I also move:

That the Members of the Special Committee on Pension Reform be: Mrs. Beauchamp-Niquet, Mr. Dantzer, Mr. Desmarais, Mr. Frith, Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands), Mr. MacLellan, Mr. Miller, Mr. Reid (St. Catharines) and Mr. Weatherhead.

**Madam Speaker:** Does the House agree to this motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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#### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, I should like to advise the House of a change in the business of the House for tomorrow. House Leaders have been advised that the business of the House for tomorrow will be Bill C-139.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS

##### CONCURRENCE IN ELEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier)** moved, seconded by the Hon. Member for Labelle (Mr. Dupras), that the Eleventh Report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous