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friend. I had hoped that that would be appropriate and adequate. If it is not, I am happy to repeat it again for him and to withdraw the statement.

I take your observations very seriously, Mr. Speaker, and particularly your injunction in regard to civilized conduct. As Prime Minister, I must be the first to follow those rules. So I apologize to my hon. friend.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, I can accept a gracious apology, but the letter on the record, the letter which has been sent to me, makes it clear that the Prime Minister still regards me as responsible for the payment, and that is no apology.

Mr. Nunziata: Withdraw the letter.

Mr. Mulroney: Mr. Speaker, if it is the letter, which was dispatched in good faith, the letter of apology that is causing some difficulty, I will withdraw the letter of apology.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STANDING COMMITTEES

INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT—SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the second report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development in both official languages.

[Translation]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND PROGRAMS—FIRST REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report of the Standing Joint Committee of the Senate and the House of Commons on Official Languages Policy and Programs.

[Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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PETITION

ESTABLISHMENT OF SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec East): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a second petition from my beautiful constituency of Québec East. It has been signed by residents of the Saint-François d'Assise Parish asking that

the Quebec Catholic School Commission agree to the establishment of a senior citizens' home on a vacant lot on 1^{re} Avenue in Limoilou, Quebec.

Mr. Speaker, I will send a copy of this file and the signatures to the Minister responsible and make sure that the project is taken under consideration.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, questions Nos. 342 and 369 will be answered today.

[Text]

AMWAY OF CANADA LIMITED

Question No. 342—**Mr. Althouse:**

Was any agreement reached between the Department of National Revenue and Amway Canada Limited after the Department sought \$105 million for unpaid import duties, sales taxes and penalties for the years 1977 to 1980 and, if so, what were the terms of the agreement?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Revenue): No agreement has been reached between the Department of National Revenue and Amway of Canada Limited. The Department is still seeking the amount of \$105 million. The matter has been referred to the Department of Justice with a request to proceed with the case in the Federal Court (Trial Division) for recovery.

PENSION BENEFITS STANDARDS ACT

Question No. 369—**Mr. Young:**

1. For each of the past five years, how many applications did the Department of Insurance receive from pension plan sponsors to recover surpluses from plans registered under the Pension Benefits Standards Act and (a) how many were approved (b) what was the total amount of surplus recovery?

2. What amount did plan sponsors propose recovering from pension plans registered under the PBSA?

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)):

Department of Insurance				
1 and 2.	No. of Requests	No. of Requests Approved	Amount of Surplus Refund Requested \$	Amount of Surplus Refund Approved \$
Year				
1980	1	1	93,806	93,806
1981	1	1	1,365,700	1,365,700
1982	4	4	3,919,825	3,919,825
1983	6	5	5,928,105	5,586,080
1984	11	11	47,269,849	27,328,856
1985 (to date)	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	22	58,577,285	38,294,267