

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 26, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

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### PETITIONS

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to thirty-nine petitions, Nos. 332-945 to 332-983 inclusive.

#### OPPOSITION TO REDUCTION OF POSTAL SERVICES

**Mr. Albert Girard (Restigouche):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition to the House of Commons from citizens of Petit-Rocher, Beresford, Roberville, Madran, Alcida, La Plante, Nigadoo, Pointe-Verte and Free Grant. Canada Post management have been reducing the quality of rural postal services and shown they intend to pursue systematically their plan to close a great many postal offices in small municipalities. People in rural areas protest vigorously against cuts to the staff and services they are entitled to and cannot accept in any way that small parishes be penalized as to the extent of postal services.

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[*English*]

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

#### ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES—AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, there are two motions that I would like to present at this time. They have been discussed with the other Parties. They are both motions for travel. I think you would find general agreement in

the House to have the motions put at this time and passed. I move:

That the Standing Committee on Energy Mines and Resources be authorized to travel to Pinawa, Manitoba, on April 1 to 2, 1987, inclusive, to visit the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment and the underground research laboratory to study the storage and disposal of high-level radioactive waste and that necessary staff accompany the committee.

• (1110)

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

#### ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTRY—AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the second motion is the following:

That, the Standing Committee on Environment and Forestry be authorized to travel to Pinawa, Manitoba, on April 1 to 2, 1987, inclusive, to visit the Whiteshell Nuclear Research Establishment and the underground research laboratory as a part of their ongoing examination of the storage and disposal of high-level radioactive waste and that necessary staff accompany the committee.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions on the Order Paper be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.