

*Point of Order—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich)*REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF FORMER MINISTER'S  
ACTIONS

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Yellowhead):** Let me direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Since he knows that his documents have made it clear that there was a request for comment and for action by the former Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and since he has been prepared to table other documents, will he also please come clean concerning the question as to what the former Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Lalonde—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Clark:**—did when he was asked for comment, and what actions he took as a result of the memorandum which very clearly demonstrated the fact that Alastair Gillespie was exerting pressure on the Government in a way which broke the conflict of interest guidelines applying to former Ministers?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, we held a thorough debate on this subject last week. It was clear that we tabled all documents available and that for months there was discussion with the Government of Nova Scotia, with private sector partners and so on. Everything was made known to the public. The Hon. Member should get out of the House because he is missing the point, trying to gain a few more votes he will need next June.

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[Translation]

## PETITION

MR. ROBINSON (BURNABY)—CANADIAN MERCHANT MARINE  
POLICY

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the four hundred and fourth report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) on Tuesday, March 1, 1983, and finds that the petition meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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[English]

## POINT OF ORDER

MR. MUNRO (ESQUIMALT-SAANICH)—NOTICE OF POSSIBLE  
POINT TO BE RAISED

**Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. During the Question Period we heard enunciated a principle about parliamentary ministerial responsibility based on a majority that Cabinet can

command. If I may, I would like to reserve my submissions on this particular point of order until I check the *Hansard* blues to ensure that this is what I actually heard. Surely the principle of moral responsibility—

**Madam Speaker:** Order. The Hon. Member knows that is not a point of order. He may check *Hansard* and then ask questions the next day if he has some query. It does not necessitate giving notice.

**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Madam Speaker—

**Madam Speaker:** Order.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING  
ORDERS

PRESENTATION OF ELEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING  
COMMITTEE

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the eleventh report of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, in both official languages.

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

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## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (C), 1982-83

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting Supplementary Estimates (C) of sums required for the service of Canada for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1983, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act, 1867, was presented by Hon. Herb Gray (President of the Treasury Board) and read by Madam Speaker to the House.

## REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEES

**Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Orders 62(15) and 63, I move, seconded by the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Gray):

That the Supplementary Estimates (C), 1982-83, tabled earlier this day, be referred to the several Standing Committees of the House as follows: