

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, August 30, 1988

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to seven petitions numbered as follows: 332-5252, 332-5254, 332-5279, 332-5280 and 332-5283 to 332-5285 inclusively.

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

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JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

PRESENTATION OF SIXTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. David Daubney (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General.

[*English*]

This 300-page report entitled *Taking Responsibility* is the first comprehensive review by a parliamentary committee of the important issues of sentencing, conditional release, and related aspects of the correctional system. If the key recommendations of the 97 recommendations submitted in our report are accepted, public confidence in the criminal justice system will, in the committee's view, be significantly improved.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Doug Lewis (for the Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-157, an Act to amend the Public Service Employment Act and the Auditor General Act in consequence thereof.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

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CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-319, an Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Speaker, it is a great honour to have the opportunity to introduce an amendment to the Canada Elections Act relating to a more precise definition of election expenses. As Your Honour knows, when the Standing Committee of the House on Elections, Privileges and Procedures reported to the House on March 3 of this year it recommended:

"—that the Act be amended as quickly as possible in those sections dealing with expenses so that it precisely defines those election expenses which should be the subject of spending controls and rebates."

We have attempted to get the Government to introduce an amendment to this effect over the last five months. We have not succeeded and as a result of that I have the specific proposal before me which was given to the Government four months ago. I believe it is the type of legislation we need to restore credibility to our Elections Act.

• (1110)

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