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PUBLIC WORKS**TABLING OF REPORT ON ADJUDICATION OF CONTRACTS BELOW \$30,000**

Hon. Roch La Salle (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 67(2), it is my pleasure to table today in both official languages the report on contracts for public works under \$30,000, which report naturally gives a true and honest picture for all regions and provinces as well as the national average.

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PETITIONS**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table in both official languages the response of the Government to the 11 petitions, as follows: 331-531, 331-532, 331-533, 331-536, 331-537, 331-538, 331-539, 331-545, 331-555, 331-580 and 331-581.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE**PRESENTATION OF FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. A. H. Harry Brightwell (Perth): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture seeking permission for the subcommittee on the tobacco growing industry to travel to the principal tobacco growing regions of the country. The subcommittee is planning to travel in the fall. We would hope to visit various growing, manufacturing and sales facilities in Ontario, Quebec and on the East Coast. We anticipate receiving many submissions to our committee when we visit each area.

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PETITIONS**CLOSURE OF POST OFFICE—RAVENS CRAG DISTRICT**

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by a number of residents of the Ravenscrag district in southwestern Saskatchewan protesting the closure of their post office. Having recently lost a school and a grain elevator, this closure represents the final nail in the coffin to the community. The

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people of Ravenscrag request that Canada Post reconsider this hasty decision.

NON-TRADITIONAL JOBS—ABOLITION OF PREFERENTIAL TILT

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of several dozen women in Toronto who are attending a training course right now for women in non-traditional jobs. The purpose of their petition is to protest the fact that the federal Government has cut back on the 30 per cent preferential tilt for women entering non-traditional jobs in this country.

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY—ACTIVITIES ON WESTBANK INDIAN RESERVE

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo—Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of people of Westbank and Kelowna, British Columbia, I would like to table six petitions. They call upon the Government to appoint a commission of inquiry under the Public Inquiries Act into the well-documented dubious activities which have taken place on the Westbank Indian Reserve with the compliance of the B.C. Region of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

I might add that there would be many, many more signatures on these petitions but many people were afraid to sign.

REQUEST FOR COMMEMORATIVE STAMP—CANADIAN FIRE-FIGHTERS

Mr. Allan Pietz (Welland): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition today on behalf of the fire departments of Welland, Thorold and St. Catharines. The petition has been certified correct pursuant to Standing Order 106.

It calls for the creation of a commemorative stamp as a tribute to the brave and invaluable service provided by Canadian fire-fighters, a tribute which over 21 other countries have already awarded their fire-fighters.

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Mr. Fred King (Okanagan—Similkameen): Mr. Speaker, I too present a petition signed by 153 persons in the area of Okanagan—Similkameen which calls upon the Government to seek a full and impartial inquiry under the Public Inquiries Act to investigate fully all matters involving the Westbank Indian Band, most particularly its Chief and Council, and officials of the B.C. Regional Office of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

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NON-SMOKERS' HEALTH ACT**MEASURE TO ENACT**

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-291, an Act to regulate smoking in