

made at the time, that arguments were put forward by two parties which were official parties at the time and which no longer have this status, and that I for one was convinced by what they had to say.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STANDING ORDERS

The Speaker: I have the honour to lay upon the table a reprinted copy of the standing orders of this House dated June 1993 which encompasses all the changes made to the standing orders since May 1991, as well as a revised index.

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CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

The Speaker: I have the honour to lay upon the table two reports of the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada pursuant to section 195(3) of the Canada Elections Act, chapter (e)(ii), Revised Statutes of Canada, 1985.

[Translation]

The first report is entitled "The 1992 Federal Referendum—Challenge Met." The second report is entitled "Towards the Thirty-Fifth General Election".

Consequently, pursuant to Standing Order 32(5), these reports are deemed to have been referred to the Standing Committee on House Management.

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

Hon. Charles Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the Canadian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. It is the report of the official Canadian delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Conference on the North-South Dialogue for Global Prosperity which was held in Ottawa from October 18 to October 22, 1993.

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PETITIONS

DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to submit the following petition.

Routine Proceedings

[English]

It is my duty and honour to present this petition.

[Translation]

The petitioners urge the Government to recognize officially the significant services rendered by ambulance attendants and to ask the Committee on decorations and medals to authorize the striking of a medal for distinguished conduct in ambulance services. It would be given out after twenty years of good conduct and meritorious service.

[English]

I must add that this medal is given out in other services such as police, correction services, coast guard and fire. I would ask that the government consider this petition.

CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions.

The first is a petition signed by my constituents in Burnaby—Kingsway and residents from elsewhere in British Columbia. It notes that in October 1985 a parliamentary subcommittee on equality rights unanimously recommended that the Canadian Human Rights Act be amended to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in all areas of federal jurisdiction. It also notes that the government has yet to introduce a legislative amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act despite the passage of time.

Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to ensure that the government and Parliament act immediately to bring forward an amendment to add sexual orientation to the Canadian Human Rights Act as a prohibited ground of discrimination.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, the second petition is signed by residents of Langley, British Columbia, as well as elsewhere in British Columbia and Ontario. It notes that the only relief available to two Canadians, Christine Lamont and David Spencer who have been sentenced to 28 years each in a Brazilian prison and have suffered miscarriages of justice in their judicial process, is for Canada to request expulsion in accordance with Brazilian law.

Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the Minister of Foreign Affairs to request the Government of Brazil to expel Christine Lamont and David Spencer and return them to Canada.

Certainly I support that and I urge the government to act upon that request.