

*Routine Proceedings***COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURE****FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the fourth report of the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture, in both official languages.

This report on the National Arts Centre arises from the committee's motion, adopted on May 29. The committee requests that the government provide a comprehensive response to this report in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 109.

Among many recommendations, it is our firm conviction that the National Arts Centre Orchestra remain as a resident company and it should be renamed the National Orchestra of Canada.

I would like to add that it is our view that this report will contribute to the lessening of tensions in evidence at the Centre and I am grateful to the members of the subcommittee and their staff. All along, their approach has been to foster a dialogue designed to help the Centre as it enters its third decade.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS CONTRACTS CONVENTION ACT**MEASURE TO ENACT**

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-81, an act to implement the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods.

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

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APPOINTMENT OF A PORT WARDEN FOR THE HARBOUR OF QUEBEC**MEASURE TO AMEND**

Hon. Tom Hockin (for the Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-82, an act to amend an act to provide for the appointment of a port warden for the harbour of Quebec, and an act to amend and

consolidate the acts relating to the office of port warden for the harbour of Montreal and to validate certain fees and charges established pursuant thereto.

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

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BILL C-78**POWERS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I know most of the members of the House are anxious for committees to be able to perform their duties.

We do have a problem with one of the committees of the House, and I have had some discussions in the hopes that I could get the consent necessary for this motion because we do want to see that the committee proceeds.

It is a committee on a very important subject, the subject of the environment. I wonder if I can just read the motion and see if we have consent to proceed with it:

That notwithstanding any special order of the House, a special committee of this House established on Wednesday, June 27, 1990 to prestudy Bill C-78, an act to establish a federal environmental assessment process have all the powers Standing Order 113(5) confers on legislative committees.

Mr. Speaker: Does the parliamentary secretary have leave to present the motion?

Some hon. member: No.

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PETITIONS**GOODS AND SERVICES TAX**

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition on behalf of a number of constituents from Kamloops, British Columbia who oppose the government's proposed goods and services tax.

The petitioners point out at some length all the reasons why they oppose this tax and why they feel that this is the wrong tax at the wrong time hitting the wrong people. They are asking the Liberals in the Senate to at least filibuster sufficiently so that the tax would not