

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 1, 1989

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table in both official languages the Government's response to four petitions.

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

REGULATORY CONTROLS FOR OIL TANKERS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present a petition on behalf of a number of British Columbians who draw to the attention of Parliament the unavoidable risks associated with offshore oil drilling, as well as tanker traffic up and down the West Coast.

It is a long petition, but the petitioners are fundamentally concerned that since oil spills are inevitable and the outcome of oil spills is recognized, they call upon Parliament to reconsider the position to allow tanker traffic along our West Coast.

[*Translation*]

OPPOSITION TO SUPERMAILBOXES

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have here a petition signed by several residents of a new residential area in my riding. It is stated by the undersigned that the policy of the Canada Post Corporation with respect to "super boxes" discriminates against thousands of Canadian men and women; that super boxes are very inconvenient for the disabled, the elderly and the sick; and that homeowners in new housing projects are subject to the same tax rates as their neighbours who have home delivery.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to urge the Conservative Government to provide residents in the new residential area located at Paul, Place Ida-Rocheleau and Place Pauline-Charron, with the same type and quality of service as that received by their neighbours.

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[*English*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: I understand that the Hon. Member for Kamloops (Mr. Riis) has a point of order before Government Orders are called.

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POINT OF ORDER

THE BUDGET—PROCEDURE RESPECTING QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, considering the discussions we had last Thursday, I wish to make a few short remarks and perhaps suggest a way to deal with the issue of privilege that all three Parties have raised in one form or another.

I do not know if this is the time to make those comments. I will seek some guidance from the Chair.

Mr. Speaker: I think I should make it clear to the House again. I will call Government Orders, but before proceeding with whatever is the Government Order, I have been anticipating that we will proceed today toward the completion of the arguments on the privilege issue. That is a commitment to the House, so that is what we will be doing, unless the Hon. Member for Kamloops has something to suggest which may change that.

In any event, the Hon. Member for Kamloops has something to suggest with respect to this debate. It might be of assistance to the Speaker if the Hon. Member did proceed with his suggestion at this time. There may be a response from others.