

*Introduction of Bills***WESTERN ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION ACT**

MEASURE TO ENACT

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-113, an Act to promote the development and diversification of the economy of Western Canada, to establish the Department of Western Economic Diversification and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) shall 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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[Translation]

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-114, an Act to provide for greater certainty in the reconciliation of the personal interests and duties of office of Members of the Senate and of the House of Commons, to establish a Conflict of Interest Commission and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-284, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (surrogacy arrangements).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Ms. Copps: In brief, Mr. Speaker, the intention of this Bill is to make it illegal for anyone to make a profit out of either arranging or participating in surrogacy arrangements. It is a first step and I would hope that we would have a chance to debate this Bill at some point in the near future.

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

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PETITIONS

PROPOSED FREE TRADE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present two petitions this afternoon pursuant to Standing Order 106.

The first petition is from a number of constituents who point out that the Conservative Government has no mandate from the Canadian people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States. They believe that the proposed trade deal would deny Canada the policy freedom to determine its own economic future and thereby undermine our ability to build a society distinct from that of the United States.

Therefore, the petitioners ask Parliament to now dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed trade deal during a national general election.

CANADIAN OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRICAL UTILITIES, DAMS AND WATER LICENCES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, my second petition is from a number of residents of central British Columbia. They point out that the West Kootenay Power and Light Company, with attendant water licences, was sold outright to Utilicorp United Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri, in the United States. They point out that Canadians are expressly prohibited from similar outright purchases in the United States by U.S. law, and the 8,673 consumers in the West Kootenay Power and Light Company service area have signed a petition protesting the sale.

Therefore, they call upon Parliament to pass a law requiring majority ownership by Canadians of electrical utilities, dams and water licences so that Canadians citizens will be afforded protection of their sovereignty equal to that enjoyed by citizens of the United States.

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE GOVERNMENT ACTION TO ASSIST THE HOMELESS

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition that has been sponsored by the National Anti-Poverty Organization which states that the Canadian Council on Social Development estimates that more than 100,000 people