

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, December 13, 1990

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 46 petitions.

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

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[*Translation*]

INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF NINTH CANADA-MEXICO INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

Hon. Andrée Champagne (Saint-Hyacinthe—Bagot): Monsieur le Président, I have the honour and the privilege to present to the House, in both official languages, the Report on the Ninth Canada-Mexico Interparliamentary Conference, held in Mexico City and Bahia de Banderas from November 12 to 19, 1990. Our delegation had the privilege of meeting with President Salinas of Mexico and the Mexican External Affairs, Trade and Finance Secretaries. Our work sessions centered of course on international trade, the Seasonal Workers Program, cultural exchanges and environmental protection.

I wish to thank all our colleagues for their cooperation and serious-mindedness and our special thanks to the secretary of the delegation, Mr. François Prigent.

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

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STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF SIXTIETH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table the sixtieth report of the Striking Committee.

[*English*]

This report deals with the membership of a legislative committee. Pursuant to Standing Order 113.1, upon presentation such reports are deemed adopted.

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

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CANADA POST CORPORATION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-346, an act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I would like to introduce in the House today a Private Members Bill which seeks to repeal subsection 13(5) of the Canada Post Corporation Act.

This subsection is discriminatory to rural route carriers in that it prevents them from the enjoyment of rights by excluding them from the employee status as provided for in the Canada Labour Code.

These route carriers provide a most valuable service to 1.2 million households in Canada by providing vital communication and contact to the people in rural and often isolated communities. I believe it is unacceptable that rural route carriers, whose hours after long and hard work, who often in our northern climate face the most treacherous of conditions, should be denied the most basic employee rights.