

continue to qualify to draw unemployment insurance. I have the honour to support the petition.

[Translation]

REINSTATEMENT OF VIA RAIL SERVICE—MONTREAL-OTTAWA

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil-Papineau): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present to the House a petition concerning the reinstatement of VIA Rail passenger service between Montreal, Hull and Ottawa.

Close to 5,000 residents of the riding of Argenteuil-Papineau have signed the petition, humbly calling upon this House to consider favourably their humble request.

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-49, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (prostitution).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister 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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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

NOTICE OF ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER REPORT AND THIRD READING STAGES OF BILL C-15

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the House that there has been consultation among the representatives of the Parties in this House and that it has not been possible to reach an agreement pursuant to Standing Order 80 or Standing Order 81 with regard to the allocation of time on report stage and third reading stage of Bill C-15, an Act respecting Investment in Canada.

Therefore, at the next sitting of the House I shall propose a motion pursuant to Standing Order 82 to allocate one sitting day to each of the said stages of the said Bill.

Some Hon. Members: Shame.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 117, 147, 278 and 322.

[Text]

CUT-BACKS IN CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE

Question No. 117—**Mr. Robichaud:**

1. Were unilateral cut-backs made by the Government in the Canadian Wildlife Service and are additional cuts contemplated and, if so, for what reason?

2. Were some 84 positions cut from the service and, if so (a) how were they made (b) which employees lost their jobs (c) were employees with 20 years seniority or more considered (d) will whole services be closed?

3. Did consultations take place before the final decision and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Suzanne Blais-Grenier (Minister of the Environment): 1. Yes; none contemplated.

2. Yes, (a) The activities—wildlife interpretation and wildlife toxicology, not pertaining directly to the federal mandate of migratory birds and rare and endangered species were eliminated. (b) 68 employees have received surplus notices effective March 31, 1985. The following gives a breakdown by occupational groups: one senior manager; 31 biologists; eight research scientists; one research manager; one chemist; 13 engineering and scientific support; six general technicians; one social sciences support; one program manager; three clerical and regulatory; one steno and typing; one general labour and trade. However, every effort is being made to ensure that these employees are re-employed in other areas of the Department and the federal Government. (c) Yes. (d) No; see (a) above.

3. Yes, with senior officials of the Department.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS FOR CENTRE BLOCK

Question No. 147—**Mr. Boudria:**

1. What was the cost to the Government for the Christmas trees and decorations located in the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings including the cost of decorators, movers, and any person directly or indirectly involved in the project?

2. Did the Canadian taxpayer pay for any part of this?

3. Were there any contracts awarded by public tender and (a) if so, in what amount (b) if not, for what reason?

Mr. Len Gustafson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1. \$4,406.11.

2. Yes, \$4,406.11.

3. No, because of the short time frame involved.

DOT—IMPROVEMENTS TO AIRPORTS

Question No. 278—**Mr. Ouellet:**

1. Did the Government provide for major improvements to the airport infrastructure and services network in the transportation sector under the Canada/Gaspé and Lower St. Lawrence economic development plan?

2. Did the Government approve an improvement project for the Pabos-Chandler Quebec landing strip and, if so (a) what works were provided for (b) what amounts were allocated (c) on what date were the amounts approved (d) on what date did the works begin?