

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 several petitions.

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

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[Translation]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

MEASURE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF AN ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Mr. Douglas Young (Gloucester) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-305, an Act to change the name of the electoral district of Gloucester.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the bill?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Young (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, I will be brief. I think it is clear that the name of an electoral district should reflect the people, communities and geography of that district.

[English]

The county of Gloucester has had a very long and colourful history as a federal riding. It has been known as a municipality, but much has changed since it was originally named. I propose in this bill, and I hope that it will have the support of the House, that we change the name of the electoral district of Gloucester to the name—

[Translation]

—Acadie—Bathurst, because Acadie—Bathurst represents the communities, linguistic groups and geography of this part of New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

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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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, questions 231 and 270 will be answered today. I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

MARKETING OF CANOLA UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Question No. 231—**Mr. Hovdebo:**

1. In the period January 1, 1989 to February 8, 1990, has any department or agency of the government received requests for a plebiscite to be held among canola producers in western Canada to determine if they want canola marketing placed under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board?

2. Has the government or the Canadian Wheat Board undertaken any study or review of (a) the impact on canola prices to farmers which would result if canola marketing were under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board (b) the possible outcome of any plebiscite to determine if producers want canola marketing placed under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board?

Hon. Charles James Mayer (Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of State (Grains and Oilseeds)): 1. Agriculture Canada has noted infrequent requests mainly from individual producers, to hold a plebiscite among producers to determine their position on the inclusion of canola under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board. Simultaneously, requests have been received from producers and farm or commodity organizations which call for a continuation of the open marketing system.

2. (a) and (b) No.

A Task Force has been created to examine a range of factors affecting the Canadian canola industry, including canola marketing. This group, which is small but representative of the industry has been mandated to make