

Committee Reports

and the days following January 26, we shall be considering a bill that is very important to the farmers in our country, namely Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex, designed to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada. Once this bill gets second reading, depending of course when this occurs, the government intends to introduce for discussion and debate the following bills ensuing from the budget, subject to confirmation in due time, namely the borrowing authority bill and another bill to amend the Customs Tariff Act. In any event, everything I have just said, with the exception of the Canagrex bill, is subject to reconfirmation in January, and I shall of course be in touch with my colleagues, the House leaders, to give them reasonable notice as appropriate.

[English]

Mr. Friesen: Madam Speaker, I have just a point of clarification for the government House leader, concerning tomorrow's deliberations. He referred to Bill C-10. I wonder whether it was a slip of the tongue and he meant to say Bill C-11. Did he really mean Bill C-10? If so, it would cause some concern for me.

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, the hon. member is absolutely correct and I was absolutely correct. I mentioned both Bill C-11 and Bill C-10.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—12TH REPORT

Twelfth report of Standing Committee on Public Accounts, in both official languages—Mr. Clarke.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION—5TH REPORT

Fifth report of Standing Committee on Regional Economic Expansion in both official languages—Mr. Pelletier.

TRANSPORT—7TH REPORT

Seventh report of Standing Committee on Transport, in both official languages—Mr. Maltais.

[Editor's Note: For above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

[English]

THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

TABLING OF INITIAL RESPONSE OF GOVERNMENT TO OBSTACLES REPORT

Hon. Gerald Regan (Secretary of State): Madam Speaker, as the minister responsible for co-ordinating the government's response to the Obstacles report, I have the pleasure today to table in the House, under the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), the federal government's initial response to the report tabled in the House earlier this year by the Special Parliamentary Committee on the Disabled and the Handicapped.

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PETITIONS

MR. WISE—PROPOSED TAXATION OF LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

Hon. John Wise (Elgin): Madam Speaker, I have the duty and the responsibility today to table a petition signed by the citizens of St. Thomas in Elgin county. This petition reflects the strong protest of Elgin constituents regarding the changes in the taxation of life insurance policies as indicated in the November 12 budget.

● (1510)

This petition reflects the disappointments and the hostility of life insurance companies, sales representatives and thousands of policyholders across the country.

I sincerely hope that the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) will recognize this blunder and have the courage to withdraw these provisions immediately.

MISS CARNEY—CRIMINAL CODE—STRENGTHENING OF PROVISIONS RESPECTING PROSTITUTION

Miss Pat Carney (Vancouver Centre): Madam Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition on behalf of my constituents who live in the west end of Vancouver. The purpose of this petition, which is signed by 678 concerned residents, is to demonstrate to the government the strength of their belief that they have a right to live in peace and quiet in their neighbourhood to the same extent as that which is enjoyed by other Canadians.

In the face of continuing inaction by the federal government, the nature of the petition is to demand that the Criminal Code be strengthened to give police the powers to cope with the problems associated with street prostitution because this has overtaken the west end and threatens to destroy forever the quality of life long enjoyed by residents.

The petitioners hope, Madam Speaker, that in your examination of their petition you will find that it is in order and that you will understand the urgency and the justice of their request.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!