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Bill, the Divorce Act or the Criminal Code amendments to the Justice Committee, I suppose his representation is purely hypothetical.

With reference to the Access to Information Act, I had a request from the standing committee to which he referred which was denied because our plans are to make the reference to the Justice Committee. On the other hand, if we were to have more co-operation on the legislation I just mentioned, it may be that I would reconsider and we would agree to refer the Access to Information legislation to the committee to which the Hon. Member referred.

For the time being, there is no workload in the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee. Therefore, I would be in a better position to give a more precise answer to his question once some of the Bills I have indicated have been sent to the Justice and Legal Affairs Committee.

**Mr. Benjamin:** Mr. Speaker, I would also like to speak on House business. The Government House Leader and the Minister of Transport may be aware of representations about early presentation of amendments to the Aeronautics Act, particularly from the Canadian Air Line Pilots Association. Can the Government House Leader give us an indication when they intend to call that legislation? I think we can be reasonably sure of fairly quick passage. What would be the timetable for the amendments to the Aeronautics Act?

**Mr. Pinard:** Mr. Speaker, I take note of the representations made by the Hon. Member. I will look into this matter, consult with the Minister of Transport and will hopefully be able to report to the Hon. Member before the end of this session.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PETITION

MR. PARKER—TELEVISION RECEPTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present the following petition. To the Honourable the House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, the petition of the undersigned residents of Canada, who now exercise their right to present a grievance, humbly sheweth that whereas the residents living in the Jaffray, Tie Lake, Sand Creek and Galloway areas in British Columbia are faced with deteriorated television reception from CBC programs and CFCN broadcasting, and whereas this is a rural area that depends heavily on television viewing for a considerable portion of their daily lives, wherefore we, the undersigned petitioners, call on the Government of Canada to have these areas tested for interference, and have the power output increased to ensure that adequate service is provided. And as in duty bound your Petitioners will ever pray.

• (1510)

### SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY ASSEMBLY ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-224, an Act to constitute a senior citizens advisory assembly.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to establish an advisory assembly of senior citizens to assist the federal Government in developing policies providing services for Canada's ever-increasing number of this segment of the population.

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

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### PENSION ACT

AMENDMENT RESPECTING APPLICATIONS FOR VETERANS' PENSIONS

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-225, an Act to amend the Pension Act (administrative delay).

He said: Mr. Speaker, this Bill would apply a six-month time limit to the veterans' entire pension process. If the Pension Commission failed to meet these time limits, the veteran would receive automatic payment of the applied for benefits. Hundreds of applicants die while waiting for a decision. This Bill would help put an end to this disgraceful situation.

I would like to point out that in the United States applications are processed within 90 days, a record worth praise and emulation.

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

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### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 177, 454, 634, and 641.

[Text]

NATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL ON SKILL DEVELOPMENT LEAVE

Question No. 177—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Is there a National Advisory Panel on Skill Development Leave and, if so, what (a) are its terms of reference (b) is the (i) name (ii) background or expertise (iii) term of appointment of each member (c) remuneration, such as salary or travel expenses (i) do the members receive (ii) did the members receive to date (d) other funding, if any, is provided by the government?