

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, September 17, 1991

The House met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 36(8) of the Standing Orders I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 187 petitions.

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

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ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

TABLING AND REFERENCE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, while I am on my feet, I am pleased to table in both official languages a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1). These are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

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POINT OF ORDER

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I notice that the Minister of National Defence is not in the House to make a statement at this time, and I can appreciate the scheduling difficulties. I am wondering if the House would agree

to allow us to revert to ministerial statements at three o'clock to allow the Minister of National Defence to make a statement to the House.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has raised a matter for the consideration of the House. Of course it can be done if there is consent. I look to the hon. parliamentary secretary for his response.

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I have not had a chance to consult with the Minister of National Defence this morning, so may I bring that to his attention? I will certainly come back to the House and advise the House as to whether or not we can do that.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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EXTRADITION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-31, an act to amend the Extradition Act.

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

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COPYRIGHT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-269, an act to amend the Copyright Act (fair use).

She said: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present this bill once again. In the last session I was very pleased to have an hour of debate on this issue and then it was unanimously referred to the committee, which never considered it. I think one of the frustrations of being a backbencher is that it takes so long to get any issue of importance to your constituents considered.