

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, November 23, 1995

The House met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to two petitions.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Mr. Paul Zed (Fundy—Royal, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Government Operations.

Pursuant to an order of the House dated Wednesday, November 8, 1995, the committee studied Bill C-101, an act to amend the National Housing Act, and has agreed to report it without amendment.

PROCEDURE AND HOUSE AFFAIRS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the 101st report of the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs regarding associate membership on the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food.

If the House gives its consent, I intend to move concurrence in this report later this day.

• (1005)

FOREIGN AID RESTRICTION ACT

Mr. Art Hanger (Calgary Northeast, Ref.) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-357, an act respecting restriction on foreign aid.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this bill is designed to stop the flow of financial or other aid to any foreign country that refuses to accept re-entry of its nationals or former nationals deported from Canada.

Far too often when foreign born criminals are ordered deported from Canada, deportation is hampered because some countries do not want to take back their nationals. The foreign aid restriction act addresses this issue by freezing aid to countries that frustrate the Canadian deportation process.

The bill is a strong measure to ensure effective deportation policy in Canada. If a country will not take back its citizens who have committed criminal acts in Canada or who have misrepresented their past involvement in organized criminal activity, terrorism or other activities as noted under section 19 of the Immigration Act of Canada and are ordered deported, the bill would then direct the Department of Foreign Affairs to suspend all foreign aid to that country.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

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COMMEMORATION OF THE BIRTHPLACE OF CONFEDERATION ACT

On the Order: Private Members' Business:

Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage of Bill C-292, an act to commemorate the birthplace of Confederation—Member for Hillsborough.

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough, Lib.): Madam Speaker, it is with great regret and lack of support by my Liberal colleagues that I ask you to seek unanimous consent so that I withdraw my private members' bill, Bill C-292, an act to commemorate the birthplace of Confederation.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu): Does the hon. member have the unanimous consent of the House?

Some hon. members: Agreed.