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[English]

The petitions presented by the Hon. Member for Broadview-Greenwood (Ms. McDonald) and the Hon. Member for Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands (Mr. Manly) by filing with the Clerk of the House also meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

THE GOVERNMENT

TABLING OF FOUR DOCUMENTS

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 47(2), I have the honour of laying on the Table, in both official languages, the four following documents: First, a new conflict of interest/post-employment code for public office holders. Second, instructions to Ministers imposing specific and strict limitations on the hiring of family members. Third, letters to the Leaders of the Opposition on the subject of ethical conduct for all MPs and Senators. Fourth, advice to Crown corporations concerning their relations with the central Government.

[English]

Mr. Speaker, anyone who expected the documents to be tabled with a red ribbon on them knows that my non-partisanship only goes to so many limites.

It is a great principle of public administration—I could even say an imperative—that to function effectively the government and the public service of a democracy must have the trust and confidence of the public they serve. In order to reinforce that trust, the government must be able to provide competent management and, above all, to be guided by the highest standards of conduct. To this end, I am tabling today a set of documents detailing several aspects of a package of major initiatives on public sector ethics undertaken by this Government.

This afternoon I wish to provide my colleagues in the House with some thoughts in explanation of the documents and to acquaint the House with other elements of the package which will soon be placed before the House in documentary form. There are seven components in the over-all program.

First, there is a new conflict of interest/post-employment code for public office holders, which has been tabled. Second, there are instructions to Ministers imposing specific and strict limitations on the hiring of family members, which has also been tabled. Third, there are letters to the Leaders of the Opposition on the subject of ethical conduct for all MPs and Senators, which has been tabled. Fourth, there is a document

Tabling of Documents

dealing with an experimental program of parliamentary scrutiny of Governor in Council appointments, which I know we all hope will become a permanent feature of our parliamentary democracy here in Canada.

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Fourth, there is a document dealing with an experimental program of parliamentary scrutiny of Governor in Council appointments. At this point, Mr. Speaker, I would like to mention the work done by all Members on the Committee, and especially by the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath) and the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet) who did an excellent job.

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Mr. Speaker, we have not made final decisions in all of the component areas. However, we are putting forward an authoritative outline of our intentions today. Some elements,