

Routine Proceedings

Members on this side are willing to co-operate with the government, as we have demonstrated time and time again, Madam Speaker, but we would like to have some firm indication as to what the order of business will be for the remaining days to June 21, 1991.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Madam Speaker, in that same spirit, we are certainly anxious to support this suggestion. I wonder if we could, simply as a matter of courtesy, ask the government House leader if he would not mind indicating, at least, as we understand today, and for the next foreseeable few days an outline of the business. This would facilitate dealing with the business of the House in a most expeditious manner and allow predictability and planning for all members as well, in terms of votes and participating in the important debates.

Mr. Andre: Yes, Madam Speaker, subject to of course, negotiation with the opposition House leaders and others, it would be my intention to call Bill C-20 tomorrow morning and Bill C-11 tomorrow afternoon. Wednesday and Thursday would be allotted days. In terms of the other bills, for the remaining period until the summer recess, I hope that at our regular Tuesday House leaders' meeting we will be able to agree to a calendar and agree to bills that could be dealt with over that period of time.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception): Madam Speaker, I have a petition to present, and it is important for a number of reasons. I have 255 communities in my riding and the signatures on this petition represent about 15 per cent of those ridings. It contains about 125 signatures, so it gives you some indication of the total support that this particular petition has.

It really talks about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and its historic key link to the culture of Canada and particularly to the Atlantic provinces.

They are very disappointed and very concerned with the recent cutting of the program *Land and Sea*. It was a great reflection of Newfoundland, the Atlantic and indeed Canadian culture from the maritime viewpoint and from the viewpoint of the land.

They are calling on Parliament to ensure that CBC programming remains intact and in particular that the local program *Land and Sea* and local programming in Atlantic Canada be maintained.

HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Madam Speaker, I have a petition signed by several hundred people from coast to coast which calls on the Government of Canada and Parliament to act to bring the Canadian Human Rights Act in line with those of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and the Yukon, by prohibiting sexual orientation as a grounds for discrimination.

ADOPTIVE PARENTAL LEAVE

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions this afternoon. The first relates to Bill C-21 and would require the government to review Bill C-21 with regard to adoptive parental leave—considering the literature that deals with the adoptive process, the bonding process, needs and rights of adoptive families, proper terminology in adoption, and discussion with adoptive families—and cause the government to change Bill C-21 so that all parents, whether biological or adoptive, receive the same paid leave of 25 weeks to spend time with their new children.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): The second petition I also have the honour to present asks Canada Post to strike a stamp commemorating the life and work of Marie Curie. I was always under the impression that Marie Curie was a French woman. She was by choice, but she was born in Poland and her name was Marie Skłodowska. The signatories on this petition call upon Canada Post to strike a stamp commemorating the great contribution that this woman made to the world of science and to the practice of healing.