

### Committee Reports

If one wants to see a complete example of the officialese in this document one should look on page 74 which contains the Government's response to the committee's recommendation that Canada use its voice to vote at meetings of international financial institutions to protest systematic, gross and continuous violations of human rights. After lines and lines of gobbledegook, the Government indicates that it would welcome a detailed examination by the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade.

I feel that the Minister himself has let us down and I feel that he has been let down by his own Department which produced what is effectively a very regressive response to what was, and I think the Minister agrees with this, a progressive report by the Special Joint Committee on Canada's International Relations. The many Canadians who contributed so much to the report of the joint committee, I am sorry to say, will be bitterly disappointed when they realize that the Minister and the Government have not picked up the challenge.

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### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

#### AGRICULTURE—FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present in both official languages the First Report of the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

[Translation]

#### COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURE—FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton South):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the First Report of the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture on the reappointment by order in council of Mr. Jean-Claude Delorme as President of Teleglobe Canada and the appointment by order in Council of Mr. Brian G. Armstrong, Mr. Tommy D'Errico and Mr. Michael K. Power as administrators of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. The Committee considers that the appointees have the qualifications, aptitudes and abilities required to fulfill the duties of the positions to which they have been appointed.

[English]

#### BILL C-17—REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of breaking House rules, let me add that the great school of Elmwood is located in my federal constituency.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee, I have the honour to present in both official languages the report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-17, an Act to amend the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax Act and the Income Tax Act

and to repeal the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax Act, without amendment.

[Editor's note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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### PETITIONS

#### OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present some petitions. First, many residents of my constituency have signed petitions to say that the proposals of the federal Government to change the Patent Act, especially as far as generic drugs are concerned, will increase the price of drugs for consumers, that they will seriously restrict the ability of many people to purchase the drugs they need and affect mostly those whose health requires the constant use of drugs, and that they will result in an increase in the cost of provincial health care plans and are another good example of the concessions made by the Canadian government to the United States in the free trade negotiations, to the detriment of the average consumer.

[English]

#### REQUEST TO WITHDRAW TARIFF ON ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKS

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I have another petition from several of my constituents, a petition which I will summarize. It deals with the book publishing retaliatory tariff the Government has imposed on imported books in the English language. In the opinion of the petitioners, this has limited the access of Canadians to literature and information. The tariff has had little negative effect on the publishing industry of the United States yet penalizes Canada's consumers, book publishers, book sellers, distributors and Canada's culture, and rising book prices have placed a strain on the book acquisition programs and policies of our nation's public and specialized libraries. The undersigned pray and call upon Parliament to rescind this tariff which threatens irreparable harm to the Canadian book industry and compromises federal policy on cultural industries with respect to free trade negotiations.

#### OPPOSITION TO LOGGING ON DEER ISLAND

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to present a petition on behalf of a number of people from British Columbia who are very concerned about the proposal to log an aboriginal area on Deer Island just off shore of Port Hardy. That island has been in the possession of native people for thousands of years. It is an aboriginal burial ground and an area of great aesthetic and ecological importance. The petitioners point out that if the federal Government does not act quickly on behalf of Indian people, we will again be forced to see the prospect of native