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[Translation]

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Robert Toupin (Terrebonne) asked for leave to introduce Bill C-323, "An Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act (food irradiation)".

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to grant the Hon. Member leave to present the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Toupin: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill to amend the Food and Drugs Act which I am tabling in this House is to forbid the sale of irradiated food unless it bears a label stating that the food was irradiated.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Mr. Speaker: When shall this Bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND HONEY ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-324, an Act to amend the Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act (Country of Origin).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Manly: Mr. Speaker, Canadians who are concerned about apartheid in South Africa would not want unwittingly to support the economy of South Africa by buying oranges from that country. Canadians who are concerned about human rights would not want to buy fruit or vegetables from Chile. Canadians who are concerned about the environment or about

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labour conditions would not want to purchase California grapes. Therefore, the purpose of this Bill is to require that fruit and vegetables sold in Canada shall be clearly marked or have close to them a sign indicating the country of origin of those fruits and vegetables.

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

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CANADA SHIPPING ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Ms. Marion Dewar (Hamilton Mountain) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-325, an Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act (attachment and assignment of wages).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Ms. Dewar: Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to be able to introduce this Private Members' Bill to repeal Section 205 of the Canada Shipping Act, a section that exempts seamen's wages from court attachments. A constituent brought to my attention this section of the Act in connection with a single mother who was unable to collect custody and child support payments from her ex-husband because his employment was as a cook on a merchant ship. Section 205 of the Canada Shipping Act conveniently sheltered the ex-husband from court-enforced alimony and child support payments.

I find it intolerable that this section of the Act has been in place since 1873 when the Act was known as the Seamen's Act. It was overlooked when statutes were revised in 1906, 1927 and 1934. It is clearly time that we stopped exempting seamen from their legal family obligations and brought the Canada Shipping Act into line with other Acts.

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PETITIONS

PROTECTION OF ROUGE RIVER VALLEY WILDERNESS AREA

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present to the House of Commons a petition entitled "Help Save the Rouge". There are two petitions here signed by residents of Scarborough, Metro Toronto and surrounding regions. The petitioners state that the Rouge River Valley in Scarborough, a part of Metro Toronto, is a unique and precious natural area and that protecting the endangered wildlife and wilderness