

Routine Proceedings

[English]

CANADA EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION
ADVISORY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT

MEASURE TO ENACT

SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. David MacDonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), I have the honour of presenting, in both official languages, the second report of the Standing Committee on the Environment entitled *Environment and the Constitution*.

The report received the unanimous support of all members of the committee. The committee commenced its study in June 1991 in the context of a broad constitutional debate with particular emphasis on the future role of the federal government in environmental matters.

Members will know the environment knows no borders. Water pollution, ozone depletion, global warming and other similar issues are extremely complex both in terms of causes and solutions.

The committee strongly advocates partnership and co-operation among all levels of government. Mechanisms must be established to encourage and strengthen partnership and co-operation and to avoid unnecessary and expensive overlap.

Our committee also believes there is need for a strong federal power to negotiate international commitments and agreements. It is very important in the present context of the lead-up to the earth's summit.

Further, the residual power, peace, order and good government must be recognized as a basic foundation enabling the federal government to deal with environmental needs.

[Translation]

I thank members of all three parties for their patience and dedication.

[English]

Pursuant to Standing Order 109 the government's response is requested.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

Hon. Monique Vézina (for the Minister of Finance) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-63, an act to dissolve or terminate certain corporations and other bodies.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mrs. Vézina (for the Minister of Finance), moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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PETITIONS

VICTIMS OF CRIME

Mr. John Brewin (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by a number of residents of the Victoria area calling on this Parliament to adopt Bill C-310. Unfortunately in private members' hour yesterday the bill did not receive the approval of the House and falls from the Order Paper.

The sentiment of those petitioners should be filed with the House. The bill called for the establishment of a criminal injuries compensation plan, and I can assure the House and the petitioners that it is my intention to reintroduce the bill in the hope the House will have an opportunity to again do the right thing.

JUSTICE

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, my petition this morning has been sent to me by citizens of Mississauga and deals with the nasty murder of Nina de Villiers on the night of August 9, 1991.

A crime was committed by a person who, while on bail, was allowed out on a simple signature without any great posting of money. The situation calls for reform of the Bail Reform Act of 1972 and the Parole Act or other statutes, and the better enforcement of the current rules by our police forces and others involved in law enforcement.