HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 3, 1988

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

STRIKING COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF SIXTY-FIRST

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the sixty-first report of the Striking Committee.

BILL C-82—REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-82, an Act respecting the registration of lobbyists.

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

[English]

PETITIONS

NORTHERN TAX ALLOWANCE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour for me to present a petition today on behalf of a number of constituents, pursuant to Standing Order 106. The constituents are concerned in this case about the comprehensive eligibility list for the northern residents' tax deduction. They indicate that many communities have been left off the list which share identical environments in that they are northern, isolated communities paying increased costs for food, fuel and housing. Whereas this tax deduction was designed to assist in alleviating the added costs of living in northern, isolated communities, they are calling upon Parliament to declare all communities in tier 3 ridings across Canada to be eligible for the northern residents' tax deduction.

• (1110)

[Translation]

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present petitions to this House, pursuant to Standing Order 106. These petitions come from residents of Shediac, Cormier Village, St. Paul, St. Charles, Cocagne and Scoudouc in my riding. Mr. Speaker, they come from throughout my constituency. The petitioners humbly state that the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada leaves unborn human beings with no legal protection and for these reasons, the petitioners humbly ask Parliament to draft a bill as soon as possible to protect human life.

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY SAFETY DEVICES IN AUTOMOBILES

Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table petitions signed by residents of Chibougamau, Dolbeau, Sainte-Monique, Roberval, Chapais, Mistassini, Saint-Paul du Nord, Saint-Thomas and Longueuil. These 168 signatures are in addition to the 32,639 signatures that I have already tabled.

The highway safety campaign continues, Mr. Speaker, because the petitioners are aware that since 1974, the federal motor vehicle safety regulations allow drivers of passenger cars to install self-inflating air bags and that this device would reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries.

For these reasons, the petitioners humbly ask Parliament to require, first, the installation of self-inflating air bags in the front of cars and, second, the installation of adjustable seat belts with shoulder straps for back-seat passengers.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Richard Grisé (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 280, 284 and 313.

[Text]

INFORMATION PROGRAM ON NUCLEAR ENERGY Question No. 280—Mr. Nystrom: