

Petitions

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I should like to refer to Citation 327 of *Beauchesne's* fifth edition by Fraser, Birch, Dawson with which Madam Speaker will be completely familiar. It reads:

A minister of the Crown is not at liberty to read or quote from a despatch or other state paper not before the House, unless he be prepared to lay it upon the Table.

I could see from my seat that the Prime Minister was reading from a directive as opposed to any other document. I could see the paper from this distance of two sword lengths from the Prime Minister in this place in which I sit. I ask Your Honour to require the Prime Minister to table the directives and the guidelines to his ministers so that we in the House of Commons may see under what restraints and constrictions members of cabinet operate.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member is correct in quoting that particular reference from *Beauchesne's*. It is not clear to me—and I will check *Hansard*—whether the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) was quoting from an official document or from *Hansard*, as I believe was the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence). We will check *Hansard*; the point of the hon. member is well taken.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS— PRESENTATION OF TWELFTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the twelfth report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, in both official languages.

[*Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS—PRESENTATION OF FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Bill Clarke (Vancouver Quadra): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the fourteenth and the fifteenth reports of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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MR. SHIELDS—WITHDRAWAL OF BUDGET

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition on behalf of a number of my constituents in the riding of Athabasca. The purpose of the

petition, signed by 21 members of the Senior Dew Drop In Club, in St. Lina, Alberta, is to register their protest against the November 12 budget brought down by the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen).

The nature of this petition is to request that the government immediately withdraw this destructive, discriminatory budget which is especially unfair to Canada's senior citizens. The petitioners hope that in your examination of the petition Madam Speaker, you will find the petition in order, sense the urgency of their plea, and that you might use the discretionary powers vested in your office to allow discussion and referral of this petition to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs at the earliest possible moment.

MR. REID (ST. CATHARINES)—TAX ON IMPUTED RENT

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Madam Speaker, I have the privilege and honour of presenting a petition on behalf of the residents of the city of St. Catharines. The nature of this petition is to show that Canadian home owners are incensed that the budget papers presented earlier in November, 1981, even referred to the possibility of taxing imputed rent.

Home owners are the backbone of the nation. They want to show their opposition now so that any government, at any future date, would be able to look back at the experience of 1982 and take the position that any additional tax on them as home owners would be completely and totally unacceptable.

MR. HEAP—TESTING OF CRUISE MISSILES ON CANADIAN SOIL

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition by citizens of the city of Toronto calling on this Parliament to request the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) to refuse to allow the testing of Cruise missiles on Canadian soil.

MR. DARLING—RECONSIDERATION OF GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to submit a petition signed by 157 citizens of the district of Muskoka in the province of Ontario who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your honourable House will therefor provide a remedy. They humbly sheweth that the private member's Bill C-451, regarding gun control legislation which deals with the number of firearms in circulation in this country and the control of the number of firearms in Canada; wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to oppose this legislation and deal directly with the present gun laws which are cumbersome, expensive to administer, and ineffective except to harass law-abiding people. And as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.