

privilege is breached now or it is not breached at all today.

**Mr. Kaplan:** The House Leader would be quite right perhaps if I were rising on a point of privilege. I am not. I am rising on a simple point of order and I want in that point of order, which can be raised at any time as I think the House leader will recognize, to indicate that the subject matter with which I wish to deal is covered as well by the request of my leader for an emergency debate. I think it might be more logical, and I am only submitting that, to hear the matter later, but I rose for your guidance and I am certainly prepared to accept it.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the point of the Hon. Minister of Justice. In the view of the Chair it is a point of order, not a question of privilege. I think the proper thing to do would be for the hon. member to just stand down his point of order at the moment and we will see what else transpires today in the next hour or so. He may or may not want to raise the point of order again.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PETITIONS

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8) I have the honour to table, in both official languages, government responses to 216 petitions.

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

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### ORDER IN COUNCIL

#### TABLING OF APPOINTMENTS

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I am also pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order

110(1). These are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

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### PETITIONS

#### SOCIAL PROGRAMS

**Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour today to present a petition signed by 10,300 Canadians, most of whom live in Edmonton, but as well from 112 other Alberta communities. These petitioners all humbly pray and call upon Parliament to withdraw the budget proposal to claw back payments under the social programs; old age security and family allowance, a most timely petition given the business of the House today. These were collected in the main by the One Voice Committee of the Society for the Retired and Semi-retired in Edmonton. That is 10,000 Albertans, Mr. Speaker. I do hope the government pays attention.

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#### IMMIGRATION ACT

**Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North):** Mr. Speaker, I am tabling another 1,295 signatures from across Canada; from the Yukon, Quebec, British Columbia, and metropolitan Toronto. All of these people are opposed to the existing provisions of the Immigration Act and want it revised to comply with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the enhancement of human rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.

#### RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Bruce—Grey):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House today more petitions from concerned citizens in communities across northern Ontario. One thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven petitioners from North Bay, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Elliot Lake, Sault Ste Marie, Kenora, Dryden, Sturgeon Falls, Espanola, New Liskeard, Coniston, Lively, Thornloe and Crystal Falls, strongly urge Parliament to protect the rights of the unborn from conception with a law that will seek to save the life of both mother and child. I am in full support of their efforts.

#### CHILD POVERTY

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of residents of Kamloops, Vancouver, Burnaby, Richmond, Ladner,