

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 9, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

[English]

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

PRESENTATION OF THIRD REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

Mr. Charles Hamelin (Charlevoix): Mr. Speaker, as Joint Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Third Report of this Committee. In accordance with Standing Order 99(2), the Committee requests that the Government table a comprehensive response within the next 150 days.

Mr. Speaker, the report recommends that a First Ministers' conference should be held next year on obstacles to minority language instruction in Canada. The report points out that most provincial legislatures have yet to conform to the provisions on minority language education rights in the Constitution.

[English]

Another recommendation requests that the issue of the lack of post-secondary education in French outside Quebec be added to the agenda of the national forum on education scheduled for October in Saskatoon.

Finally the report recommends that the Bill to amend the Official Languages Act—

[Translation]

be referred to the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages.

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

PETITIONS

CALL FOR INQUIRY INTO USE OF PESTICIDES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to present, commensurate with Standing Order 106, petitions from Kamloops, Penticton, Kelowna, Oliver, Smithers, Cranbrook, Surrey, Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby, Lillooet, Victoria, Tofino and Port Coquitlam.

The petitioners are concerned about the increasing number of chemicals used as herbicides and insecticides proven to have had deleterious effects on human health. The petitioners are also concerned that these chemicals produce short and long-term harmful effects on non-target organisms, soil and water. They feel that these chemicals have in past years been registered and approved as safe for various uses and that new chemicals are constantly being approved under the same guidelines as the new ones that have been proven deleterious.

The petitioners call upon the House of Commons to initiate a full public inquiry into the safety, testing, registration and regulation of the use of pesticides and the examination of alternative ways of controlling pests such as biological control and plant derived pesticides.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 124, 125 and 126.

[Text]

CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—LEGAL COSTS Question No. 124—**Mr. Murphy:**

1. From January 1, 1986 to March 1, 1987, did the Cape Breton Development Corporation incur legal costs related to labour relations and, if so (a) what were they (b) what legal firms and lawyers represented the corporation in these cases?
2. For the same period, was the corporation involved in any arbitration cases and, if so, what legal firms and lawyers represented the corporation in these cases?