

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 7, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to Petitions Nos. 331-1, 331-4, 331-5, 331-6, 331-8, 331-10, 331-21, 331-22, 331-25, 331-26, 331-31, 331-32, 331-35, 331-36, 331-38, 331-39 and 331-41.

For the information of the House, these deal with the Morgentaler Clinic petitions.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF NCC PARKLAND

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition signed by 34 residents of the national capital region as well as some from Montreal who are opposed to the National Capital Commission's proposal to convert the Mile Circle into embassies.

REINSTATEMENT OF KATIMAVIK PROGRAM

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty to present four petitions from the Prince Albert region and other regions in Saskatchewan. All of them refer to the Government's inability to deal with the problem of youth skills and employment options for youth in Canada. They recommend that the Katimavik program be reinstated fully.

ACCEPTABILITY OF TESTIMONY OF CHILDREN

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table petitions bearing over 1,000 names. The petitioners seek amendments to the Criminal Code, the Canada Evidence Act and the Young Offenders Act to allow children's testimony in cases of sexual abuse.

REINSTATEMENT OF KATIMAVIK PROGRAM

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I also have petitions from Windsor, St. John's, Corner Brook, Gander, Toronto, Sydney and Glace Bay,

Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Summerland, Kelowna and Vancouver. All of them are protesting the cancellation of Katimavik and seek to have it restored.

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LOAN COMPANIES, TRUST COMPANIES BANK AND QUEBEC SAVINGS BANK ACTS

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-103, An Act to amend the Loan Companies Act, Trust Companies Act, the Bank Act and the Quebec Savings Banks Act in respect of certain regulatory matters.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURN

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 413 could be made an Order for Return, the return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 413 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

TOURISM CANADA

Question No. 413—**Mr. Robichaud:**

1. Does Tourism Canada have a research program on tourism and, if so (a) what amounts were allocated in (i) 1984 (ii) 1985 (b) following the November 1984 economic statement, how many persons were laid off in the (i) research bureau (ii) library?