

Point of Order—Mr. de Corneille

find that the Government considered it a ludicrous notion that replacement vessels for the Naval Reserve be built offshore. Can the Minister assure shipyards in Canada, particularly those in Atlantic Canada, that if funds become available for the Small Ships Replacement Program they will have every opportunity to compete in the process?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Associate Minister of National Defence): Absolutely, Mr. Speaker. I am doing everything I can within the confines imposed on us by budgetary considerations to accelerate this program. I think the Navy and the Naval Reserves have a vital role to play. They need the best equipment. I want to see that equipment designed, built, and constructed in Canada.

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POINT OF ORDER

DISABLED VISITORS TO PARLIAMENT HILL

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, you may be aware that on Monday a large number of people who are handicapped will be coming to the Hill and to the House of Commons in order to express their concerns about the Bill before the House. Those with wheelchairs would find the facilities very constraining. I believe there are places for only four or so. Whatever the case is, there will be a large number of people who will seek access.

Could the Speaker indicate whether or not there is any plan or provision, as we do when we have a joint session of the House and Senate, to provide access for the handicapped to use perhaps some of the floor space in the House where they can sit down? Or is there some other way to provide access for the handicapped so that we do not just pay lip service to their needs but effectuate it.

Mr. Speaker: This is the first time the matter has been brought to my attention. I will be happy to look into it. I have to say to the Hon. Member that I know of no provision that would allow the floor of the House of Commons to be used, but I will be happy to investigate the matter.

Mr. de Corneille: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: You are welcome.

Mr. Penner: This goodwill has got to end, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: I hope not.

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 response to petitions nos. 331-9, 331-14, 331-51457-331-60 inclusive; 331-62 to 331-76 inclusive; 331-81 to 331-86 inclusive; 331-89 to 331-92 inclusive; 331-97 to 331-114 inclusive; 331-120, 331-121, 331-122 and 331-124.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

MULTICULTURALISM—SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey—Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the second report of the Standing Committee on Multiculturalism. If the House gives it consent, I intend to move concurrence in this report later this day.

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

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CANADIAN ARSENALS LIMITED

PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Fred King (Okanagan—Similkameen): Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the legislative committee, I have the honour to present the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-87, an Act to authorize the divestiture of Canadian Arsenals Limited and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, without amendment, in both official languages.

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

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PETITIONS

REINSTATEMENT OF KATIMAVIK PROGRAM

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to submit petitions bearing some 700 signatures from Thunder Bay, Saskatoon and Windsor protesting the Government's cancellation of Katimavik as a symbol of its concern for youth and asking for reconsideration.