

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, May 5, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

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 honor to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to the following seven petitions: 331-365, 331-367 to 331-372 inclusive.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURE

PRESENTATION OF FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture, concerning the appointment by Order in Council of Marjorie Halpin as a member of the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board.

The Committee considers that Mrs. Alpine has the qualifications and competence required to perform the duties of the position to which she has been appointed.

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

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[English]

REPRESENTATION AND ELECTORAL DISTRICT READJUSTMENT ACT (ONTARIO)

On the Order: Private Members' Business

September 24, 1985—Mr. Foster—Second reading and reference to a Legislative Committee of Bill C-249, an Act to readjust the representation of Ontario in the House of Commons and to readjust the electoral districts in Ontario.

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions between the Parties with respect to Private Members' Business this afternoon. I think that if Your Honour were to put the following motion to the House, you would find that it would meet with unanimous consent. It states:

That, notwithstanding any Standing or Special Order of this House, the item listed as number one on the Order of Precedence of Private Members' Business in today's *Order Paper and Notices* shall be placed at the bottom of the said Order of Precedence for the next sitting day; and

Provided that the House shall continue with the business before it at 5:00 o'clock p.m. this day until the ordinary daily hour of adjournment.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 553.

[Text]

TAX EXPENDITURES—CORPORATE TAKEOVERS

Question No. 553—**Mr. Riis:**

From 1979 to date, what was the total value of the tax expenditure arising from the ability of corporations to deduct the cost of borrowed funds used for the purposes of taking over other corporations?

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of National Revenue): Statistics are not captured by Revenue Canada on expenses incurred by various corporations.

[Translation]

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The question enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.