

Routine Proceedings

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(2), this report is deemed adopted when laid upon the table.

13TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I also have the honour to present the 13th report of the Standing Committee on House Management as per Standing Order 114.

If the House gives its consent, I intend to move concurrence in this report later this day.

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

CONCURRENCE IN 13TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I move that the 13th report of the Standing Committee on House Management, presented to the House earlier this day, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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TRANSPORT

AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) moved:

That seven members and two staffers from the Standing Committee on Transport be authorized to travel to Europe from October 30 to November 9, 1991 to complete a study on high speed trains.

[Translation]

Mr. Lapierre: Madam Speaker, on a point of order. I intend to withhold my consent. Considering the frivolous nature of this request, since the Government of Canada has just been authorized to do a feasibility study of the project, I fail to see why hon. members should go on a tour of Europe, while the merits and the potential feasibility of this project are being examined. Consequently, I object to this as a frivolous expenditure.

[English]

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, if the Bloc Quebecois chooses to prevent this committee from proceeding on that travel then I have no choice but to accept that at this point.

Motion negated

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PETITIONS

CANADA POST

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present in this House today petitions signed by over 1,400 constituents. They are deploring the fact that more postal outlet services have been both cut and closed.

They point out that not only will it disadvantage all constituents from the surrounding area, but business people, seniors and the handicapped in particular.

I should point out that this is another blow to this community and to the constituency because Metro Drugs, McCullough Drugs, Marion Grocery, and a number of other outlets have suffered similar reductions. This is unacceptable.

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure, under Standing Order 36, to present a petition signed by residents of the community of Longworth in my riding, as well as Prince George.

They call upon Parliament to support Canada's rural way of life, to support the maintenance of rural post offices and postal services, and to reject the Conservative agenda of cutbacks and closures.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure and privilege to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 36, from a number of my constituents primarily from the town of Sidney which is at the lower end of Vancouver Island in British Columbia.

They are very concerned with the amount of government cutbacks to the RCMP services throughout Canada, particularly about the loss of \$4.1 million for the British Columbia division. This reduction has resulted in the closure of detachments in smaller communities. They are quite fearful that the reduction will extend to