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**Madam Deputy Speaker:** On a point of order, the hon. member for Victoria.

**Mr. Brewin:** Madam Speaker, the member knows well that in introducing this report, the rules do not provide an opportunity for other members of the House to make any comments on the report whatever.

When he begins verging into comments for which there are in fact very substantive answers which engender debate, it seems to me he is going beyond the rules of the House and that either you rule him out of order immediately before he proceeds any further along that line or you indicate that we will have an opportunity to answer the comments that he makes.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I thank the hon. member for Victoria for his remarks. I was listening very carefully to the hon. member for Ontario. At first I thought he was giving a very short report, which is done, but I was just about to do exactly what the hon. member wishes me to do, which is to tell the hon. member for Ontario that he was really out of order at that time.

I think we will go on and the report will be tabled.

**Mr. Soetens:** Madam Speaker, I only had one more sentence.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** We will go on without that sentence.

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## HOUSE MANAGEMENT

### 57TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the 57th report of the Standing Committee on House Management.

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## SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS

### EIGHTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE

**Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table the eighth report of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations.

## Routine Proceedings

In this report the joint committee draws the attention of the Houses to regulations which the committee believes to be *ultra vires* of the act, that is regulations made without jurisdiction. The alleged defects were caused, it appears, by ambiguity in the English version of section 23(d) of the Territorial Lands Act. The ambiguity does not exist in the French version.

The report recommends that the government introduce a legislative amendment to clarify the scope of the power delegated by section 23(d) and it includes a request for the tabling of a comprehensive report by the government. Until that occurs the government should be cautious in using or relying on these particular regulations.

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

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[Translation]

## SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS ACT

### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism))** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-99, an act to amend the Small Business Loans Act and another act in consequence thereof.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Hockin moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[English]

## CANADA POST CORPORATION ACT

### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-381, an act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (post office closures in rural areas).

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.