

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, I would like to rise on the same question of privilege. The Minister has now clarified what he said in the House and we accept his word that he inadvertently misled the House yesterday when he said—

An Hon. Member: He did not mislead the House.

Mr. Broadbent: That is what I am getting at, and I am saying that I am accepting the Minister now. Unlike what he said yesterday, he is saying that a meeting took place in Toronto on September 11, 1987, in which people from his Department were involved in discussions that included the transport of fuels with toxic substances in them. I understood what the Minister said and he said it was between states in the United States and not between Canada and the United States.

I have a number of questions which it seems to me would be usefully pursued on this question of privilege that the Minister should elaborate on. He said that there was a meeting on September 11, 1987. He did not say that there has not been a meeting since then.

Mr. Speaker: There is a difficulty here. I think I am going to have to make a very firm procedural decision at this time. The Minister of National Revenue has made his statement. The Hon. Member for Hamilton East has responded to it, and after a lengthy statement I indicated that this is now getting into debate and there is a more appropriate time and place to pursue it. The Hon. Member for Oshawa is very understandably rising to seek some further information but I have to say to all Hon. Members that there will be another occasion later on today to seek that information. At the moment I think it is appropriate that we proceed with Routine Proceedings. I thank Hon. Members for their interventions.

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INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF DELEGATE TO INTERPARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON TOURISM IN THE HAGUE, THE NETHERLANDS

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 34(1), I have the honour to present to the House, in both official languages, the 11th Report of the Canadian Group of the Interparliamentary Union, the report of the Official Parliamentary Delegation which represented Canada at the Interparliamentary

Introduction of Bills

Conference on Tourism in The Hague, The Netherlands, from April 9 to April 14, 1989.

This conference was attended by 47 national delegations. It dwelt on many of the problems that are facing tourism today, an industry that has grown up around governments and is going to creep up on us even faster because between now and the year 2000 it will double. In the year 1987, tourists around the world spent \$2 trillion. It is expected that that will double by the year 2000.

The conference discussed facilitation in great length with regard to exchange rates, visas, passports, airport congestion, health services in various countries, environmental protection of tourist sites and the attitudes of people who receive tourists in their own nations.

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As you can appreciate, one of the difficulties that officials are facing today is to at times recognize the real tourist from the illegal entrant in some countries. Canada has a great opportunity here between now and the year 2000 to build up our facilities and be prepared to accept the great tourist influx that is going to take place in the next few years.

I respectfully submit this report, Mr. Speaker.

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

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STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF THIRD REPORT

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the third report of the Striking Committee. If the House agrees, I intend to move the adoption of this report later today.

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

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

PRESENTATION OF FIRST REPORT

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.