

some small way influence for the better the outcome. That continues to be my belief and my objective.

The tax issue will, without a doubt, occupy some of my attention in the days ahead. I do want you to know, however, Madam Speaker, that it is my full intention, subject only to the constraints of time, to continue to the best of my ability to represent the diverse and important interests of the people who sent me here.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I would like to thank the Prime Minister for his understanding and support in this matter. I thank the many friends who have come to my support, and through you, Madam Speaker, I would want to thank my colleagues in this House for allowing me this opportunity to provide this explanation.

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

● (1530)

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member has just completed a fairly lengthy statement which we will want to study with care and if it becomes necessary at all, we may wish to reply tomorrow.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, June 29, 1983, with the exception of three, meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Fraser Valley East (Mr. Patterson), one of the petitions presented by the Hon. Member for Nanaimo-Alberni (Mr. Miller), and one presented by the Hon. Member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong) do not meet the requirements as to form.

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[Translation]

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved order in council appointing the Hon. Herbert Eser Gray, President of the Treasury Board, the Hon. Roméo LeBlanc, Minister of Public Works, the Hon. Yvon Pinard, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and the Hon. Roy MacLaren, Minister of State (Finance), to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter H-9 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970 intitled: An act respecting the House of Commons.

Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

[English]

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

FILING OF OBJECTION TO REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Madam Speaker: It is my duty to inform the House that an objection signed by the Hon. Members for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly), Regina West (Mr. Benjamin), Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant), Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell), Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie), Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow), Spadina (Mr. Heap), Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom), Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) and Nanaimo-Alberni (Mr. Miller), was filed with me on June 29, 1983, pursuant to Section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, R.S.C., 1970, to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of British Columbia.

If the House agrees, I would suggest that we follow past practice and print the text of the objection as an appendix to this day's *Votes and Proceedings*.

Is that agreed?

Mr. Lewis: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. May I ask the Chair's indulgence in this matter? During our consideration of when objections had to be filed to this matter, it was not clear to us whether it was within 10 or 12 parliamentary days or calendar days. Is the Chair now determining that whatever the time gap is should be calendar days or is it parliamentary days?

Madam Speaker: I will have to check that. I do not have the Standing Order or the legislation at my fingertips. I will have to check that and inform the Hon. Member.

Mr. Lewis: Madam Speaker, may I suggest that it will determine whether or not it is in order to accept those objections and have them printed? If it is not in order to accept them, you will require unanimous consent of the House and we will want to consider that before giving it.

Madam Speaker: I had to assume that this was in order since it was referred to me by the Table. However, we can delay the printing of these objections until tomorrow when the matter is clarified.

FILING OF OBJECTION TO REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR ONTARIO

Madam Speaker: Again it is my duty to inform the House that an objection signed by the Hon. Members for London-Middlesex (Mr. Bloomfield), Windsor West (Mr. Gray), Etobicoke-Lakeshore (Mr. Robinson), Laurier (Mr. Berger), Thunder Bay-Nipigon (Mr. Masters), Rosemont (Mr. Lachance), Niagara Falls (Mr. MacBain), Kitchener (Mr. Lang), Guelph (Mr. Schroder) and Lac-Saint-Jean (Mr. Gimaiel) was filed with me on June 30, 1983. It is obviously within the delays. I do believe that it is parliamentary days. These were filed with me pursuant to Section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, R.S.C.