

Routine Proceedings

This is something that we have been saying for a year or so has been happening. He has given notice that he is not going to take it any more. I ask the minister what action the government is going to take to stop this practice so that the Competition Bureau is not reduced to being a rubber stamp for big industry.

Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the last part of his question is totally false. The Competition Bureau is not a rubber stamp to the industry. It never has been, is not, and will not be in the future.

Nevertheless, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs today is out of this Chamber on official government business. He will be back next week. I will take the question as notice and I am sure the minister will respond accordingly.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

TABLING AND REFERENCE

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government.

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1), these are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

* * *

[Translation]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's responses to five petitions.

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

[English]

COPYRIGHT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-316, an act to amend the Copyright Act (fair use).

Madam Deputy Speaker: Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the said bill?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Ms. Greene: Madam Speaker, after considerable consideration and consultation, I have produced a bill which I think goes a long way to alleviate the concerns of users about the copyright legislation currently in place, while protecting the initiatives of the government to encourage the establishment of collectives and protect creators' rights.

This bill actually provides an incentive for creators to join collectives and make their work accessible to users. At the same time, it provides an appropriate balance with respect to the rights of users such as educators, librarians, politicians and other people in our society who need to communicate, and the rights of society in general.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

* * *

[Translation]

NATIONAL CAPITAL ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-317, an Act to amend the National Capital Act (description of National Capital Region).

Madam Deputy Speaker: Does the hon. member have leave to introduce the bill?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[English]

He said: The bill that I am proposing before the House today is to amend the boundaries of the National Capital Region in an easterly direction, extending to an area at or near Plantagenet, Ontario.