

Routine Proceedings

servants are anxious to get back to work but they want to see fairness prevail. Will the minister use his office to bargain constructively and do the right thing by immediately establishing wage parity across the country and help to bargain for a fair and liveable wage for these esteemed public servants?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the President of the Treasury Board is not in the House today. As the hon. member knows, my colleague is very much aware and very much involved in the discussions on this particular matter. I believe he commented on it in the House three or four days ago. Certainly I will draw the attention of the President of Treasury Board to the question of the hon member and I expect he will get back to him next week.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

WAYS AND MEANS

TABLING OF NOTICE OF MOTION

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give notice of a ways and means motion to amend the Income Tax Act, and I ask that an order of the day be designated to debate the motion.

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PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

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

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

INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF DELEGATE TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE POLLUTION OF THE SEAS

Hon. David MacDonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 34, I have the honour to present to the House the report of the Nordic Council's International Conference on the Pollution of the Seas in Copenhagen, Denmark from October 16 to October 18, 1989, in both official languages.

I would just say, Your Honour, since this invitation came through you, I was asked to lead this delegation along with the official critic on the environment, the Member for Hamilton East, the Member for Skeena, the official spokesman for his party, and Senator Robertson of the other place.

This important conference attempted to urge a number of major advances with respect to the marine environment, in particular the ratification of the Law of the Sea in which Canada played such a crucial role, a series of measures to restore the marine environment of the North Atlantic, North Sea and the Arctic Ocean, urge a 50 per cent reduction of toxic and bio-accumulating waste in the marine environment, a ratification of the 1989 Basle Convention and a ban on ocean dumping and incineration. I believe the initiative of the Nordic countries to call this conference, which included both eastern and western Europe and Canada, was an important advance and I look forward to a further follow-up of the important decisions and discussion that took place at that time.

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[Translation]

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Jean J. Charest (for the President of the Privy Council) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-47, an Act to amend the Canada Elections Act.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the hon. minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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