

**Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkeley Valley):** The minister and the government may be satisfied with the process reached to approve this project but the people of northern B.C. certainly are not.

My supplementary to the minister is this: The minister knows of the inquiry launched by the provincial government, the final hope that the people of northern B.C. have to have a look into this project. Is the minister prepared to consider changes to the 1987 settlement agreement that was signed behind closed doors which governs flows in the Nechako River? Will the minister consider any changes or recommendations brought to him by the provincial government on this matter?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency):** Mr. Speaker, I have not had one sensible proposal brought to me by the provincial government on this matter to date. If we did happen to have a sensible proposal brought to us by the British Columbia government that was agreed to by all parties which entered into the original agreement—which was the B.C. government and we entered into it because we were satisfied it was a proper agreement and it was at the insistence of the B.C. government—some proposal that we and all parties agree with, then we would be very supportive of it. In the meantime we are giving the technical information that we are requested to give.

We realize that this is a political hot potato for the hon. gentleman's party in British Columbia. It adopted an unrealistic and unreasonable position and it is now stuck with it.

**Mr. Andre:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to designate tomorrow an allotted day.

---

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

**Mr. Peter L. McCreath (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade):** Pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 18 petitions.

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

## Routine Proceedings

### HOUSE MANAGEMENT

#### 90TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. John E. Cole (York—Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the 90th report of the Standing Committee on House Management regarding change in the membership of standing committees.

If the House gives its consent I intend to move concurrence in this report later this day.

\* \* \*

### BILL C-112

#### REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. René Soetens (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-112, an act to amend the Excise Tax Act, the Access to Information Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the Customs Act, the Federal Court Act, the Income Tax Act, the Tax Court of Canada Act, the Tax Rebate Discounting Act, the Unemployment Insurance Act and a related act, with amendments.

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

\* \* \*

### CRIMINAL CODE

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-429, an act to amend the Criminal Code (hate propaganda).

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

**Mr. Milliken:** Mr. Speaker, this bill is very similar to one that I introduced earlier this session. The bill has been debated in the House and was talked out in private members' hour and so was dropped from the Order Paper. It was not made votable. There were some criticisms levelled against the bill by certain government members opposite. I have made some amendments to this bill reflecting the concerns expressed in their speeches which I hope will make the bill acceptable to the other side. If it happens to get drawn for debate and is made votable again I am optimistic it might pass this time.