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11.00 o'clock a.m.

PRAYERS

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Clerk of the House had laid upon the Table the First Report of the Clerk of Petitions, stating that he has examined the petition of Mr. Angus MacDougall and twelve other persons, signed at Glace Bay, on the Island of Cape Breton, in the Province of Nova Scotia and pertaining to the Cape Breton Development Corporation Act, presented on December 10, 1970, and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

And the honourable Member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. MacInnis) having raised a question as to the procedure to be followed under Standing Order 67 in order to debate the said petition.

Mr. SPEAKER: I think the proper procedure at this stage is for the honourable Member to seek leave of the House to have the petition read. To my knowledge there is no strict or clear provision in the standing orders for the reading of a petition, but citation 343 of Beauchesne's fourth edition indicates that an honourable

Member has the right to request that a petition be read by the Clerk of the House and in that way given that measure of publicity. This would require the consent of the House and I ask whether the honourable Member, by leave of the House, may have the petition read?

Whereupon, the said petition was read by the Clerk of the House and is as follows:

“To the Honourable the House of Commons in Parliament Assembled:

The humble Petition of the undersigned Canadians, resident in the Island of Cape Breton and Province of Nova Scotia, who are persons for whose benefit and the benefit of their dependents your Honourable House intended to provide pension arrangements, sheweth:

That Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and your Honourable House, did enact the statute entitled the “Cape Breton Development Corporation Act”, chapter 6 of the Statutes of Canada 1967,