TABLING OF 1981 ANNUAL REPORT OF CANERTECH, INC. AND DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE TO REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Madam Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table, in both official languages, copies of the 1981 annual report of Canertech Inc. as well as the response of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources to the report of the special committee, which I tabled earlier.

[English]

PETITIONS

MR. GASS—PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF SATURDAY RURAL MAIL DELIVERY

Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque): Madam Speaker, this afternoon I have the duty and responsibility to present a petition signed by 1,251 residents of Prince Edward Island. The purpose of the petition is to protest the government's intention to discontinue rural mail delivery on Saturdays, thereby denying 17,450 householders of mail, newspapers and other material, and to close rural post offices on Saturdays, a move which will affect some 25,300 people.

The petitioners hope that in your examination of the petition you will find the petition in order and that you will exercise the discretionary powers vested in the office of the Speaker of the House to allow discussion and referral to committee of this issue at the earliest possible time.

MR. EVANS—POLAND—IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW

Mr. John Evans (Ottawa Centre): Madam Speaker, today I have the honour to present to the House a petition on behalf of over 600 members of the Canadian academic community concerning the imposition of martial law in Poland.

The petition respectfully calls upon the Parliament of Canada to protest the actions of the Polish military council, which are in violation of the 1975 Helsinki Accords, to demand the restoration of civil and human rights in that country and to assist in organizing an international effort of humanitarian assistances to the Polish people.

MR. BLENKARN—LEBANON—ISRAELI ACTS OF AGGRESSION

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, today I have the honour and privilege to present a petition to this House and to Your Honour on behalf of several hundred Canadians, asking that this House condemn Israeli actions of aggression against Lebanon, that the Israeli government withdraw from Lebanon and that this House use its efforts to call upon the Government of Canada to supply humanitarian relief and aid in the form of medicine and monetary relief to the devastated population of Lebanon.

Regulations and other Statutory Instruments

My petitioners humbly are bound and will ever pray and ask Your Honour to make sure this petition is referred to the appropriate standing committee.

POINT OF ORDER

MR. FRIESEN—REQUEST EMERGENCY PLANNING ORDERS BE TABLED

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surry-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. As Your honour will recall, some weeks ago I raised the matter of the presentation of papers regarding emergency planning orders and an order by this House that the government table those. I have yet to see them, and I ask the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Smith) to indicate to the House when those papers will be forthcoming.

Madam Speaker: Well, I suppose the parliamentary secretary will become conscious and recognize the hon. member's—

Some hon, Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: He will be conscious of the hon. member's request.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Madam Speaker: He will eventually be aware of the hon. member's request—that is better English—and then he will be able to respond.

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I understand indirectly from the government House leader that there might be a disposition in the House to concur unanimously in the twelfth report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments. It is my intention to call for concurrence in the thirteenth report, but if there were unanimous agreement with respect to the twelfth report which could be achieved immediately, I think that would have the approval of the House.

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, that is correct. The House leader of the Conservative Party raised this matter with me a few days ago, and I reported to him and to my colleague, the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans), that we were willing to agree to the twelfth report of the committee without debate. I have just read a letter the hon. member sent to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Tobin) about the thirteenth report. I thought that was an error because that was never discussed. We are taken by surprise.