

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, January 22, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

#### TABLING OF REPORT OF COMMISSIONER—HINTON TRAIN COLLISION

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 67, I have the honour to lay on the Table copies of the Commission of Inquiry into the Hinton Train Collision, in both official languages. In other words, I am tabling the report of the Commissioner, the Hon. Mr. Justice Foisy. As an editorial comment I might say that it is a very well done report.

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[Translation]

### PETITIONS

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Government's response to Petitions Nos. 332-284, 332-288, 332-419, 332-421 to 332-430 inclusive and 332-441 to 332-447 inclusive.

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[English]

### INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

#### PRESENTATION OF TWELFTH REPORT OF CANADIAN-NATO PARLIAMENTARIAN ASSOCIATION

**Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101, I have the honour to present to the House the twelfth report, in both official languages, of the Canadian-NATO Parliamentarian Association. The report deals with the petition of the Hon. Member for Northumberland—Miramichi (Mr. Jardine) to meetings of the Subcommittee on Defence Co-operation in London, December 9.

## PETITIONS

#### CANADA-U.S. AUTO PACT—SAFEGUARDS

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 710 of my constituents. These are people who are deeply concerned about the statements of the Government with respect to the safeguards concerning the Auto Pact. They call upon the Government and on Parliament to maintain as deep a commitment as possible to those safeguards for the sake of their jobs and for the sake of the prosperity not just of their constituency but of all of Canada.

#### OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, I also have two petitions to present which deal with the question of the changes to the Patent Act which are before the House. The first petition comes from New Brunswick.

[Translation]

The federal Government's proposals will lead to increased costs for provincial health insurance plans and an increase in the price of drugs.

[English]

The second of the two petitions comes from Ontario. These petitions provide a clear statement from Canadians across Canada that they wish to see an end to the concessions being made with respect to the free trade talks.

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#### OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege under Standing Order 106 to present a number of petitions. These petitions have been signed by Canadians who are concerned about the Government's proposals to change the Patent Act, and who are worried about the resulting increase in the prices of new prescription drugs. The petitioners view these plans as a concession to the United States, at the expense of ordinary Canadians.

The first petition protesting these measures is signed by residents of Emo, Fort Frances, Stratton, Barwick, and Devlin, in my riding.

The second petition comes from residents of those communities, as well as Rainy River, Atikokan, and Burlington.