

Committee Reports

Perhaps we could return, on unanimous consent, if there is difficulty with the Member being present.

Mr. Speaker: I should advise the House that along the lines of usual courtesy the Chair did know something about this. However, I am in the hands of the House.

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I think the co-chairman, the Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan), would prefer to move the motion himself. It is my understanding that he would like to do it tomorrow. I can check further and we can consult on the most appropriate way to deal with the matter.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, since there seems to be some consultation required, if the consultation takes place and there is a request for unanimous consent to deal with this matter later today, we would certainly be prepared to accommodate that request.

Mr. Speaker: I thank Hon. Members. Perhaps some indication could be given to the Chair later. If there is agreement I will make the appropriate accommodations.

Mr. Fennell: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I apologize to the House. I have a striking committee report regarding the child care committee to present. I would ask for unanimous consent to revert to presentation of committee reports.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF 68TH REPORT

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the Sixty-Eighth Report of the Standing Striking Committee.

[Editor's note: See today's Votes and Proceedings for the above-cited Report.]

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[English]

PETITIONS

DESIGNATION OF ROUGE RIVER VALLEY

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, this petition is entitled "Help save the Rouge". It is one of

many petitions I have presented to the House concerning the preservation of the Rouge Valley system in Scarborough.

The petitioners join with many thousands of volunteers in stating that the Rouge River Valley in Scarborough is a unique and precious natural area, and that protecting this endangered wildlife and wilderness area is in the national interest.

The petitioners join with the Scarborough City Council, the Federal Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan), the Save the Rouge Valley System and the Coalition of Scarborough Community Associations to have the valley saved as a Canadian heritage land or a provincial park.

OPPOSITION TO PARKING FEES

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of the City of Winnipeg, particularly those who are employed by the Agriculture Research Station. They are submitting a petition asking for redress from the Department of Agriculture. They complain of unfair treatment in terms of the application of substantial parking fees for their vehicles at the Agriculture Research Station facilities, when other federal facilities in the same area of Winnipeg, particularly Revenue Canada, are not required to pay those fees.

The petitioners humbly request that their grievance be heard by the House and the Government. I present the petition on their behalf.

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of a number of constituents. These constituents are concerned that the fabric of Canadian sovereignty is being seriously threatened by the trade deal. They point out that the federal Government lacks a mandate from the people of Canada even to negotiate a trade deal, let alone pass it. They believe that the trade deal would seriously reduce our country's ability to plan the economic, social, and cultural programs Canadians want.

They are asking that a national debate in Canada occur on the issue of the trade deal and that the debate take place during a national general election before the agreement is signed.

Mr. McDermid: The agreement is already signed.

Mr. Riis: Signed by the Government, committing Canada before the election.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED CANADA CHILD CARE ACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition from many British Columbians, pursuant to Standing Order 106. They believe that Canadian families need a high quality, affordable child care service.