

*Committee Reports*

[Translation]

**STRIKING COMMITTEE**PRESENTATION OF SEVENTY-FIRST REPORT OF STANDING  
COMMITTEE

**Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling the seventy-first Report of the Striking Committee.

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

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[English]

**CANADA-ALASKA INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY ACT**

## MEASURE TO ENACT

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-320, an Act respecting the international boundary between Canada and the United States of Alaska.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Fulton:** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to put a few brief remarks on the record with respect to the introduction of the Act respecting the international boundary between Canada and the State of Alaska. What this Bill does is to settle once, finally, and for all, the boundary between Canada and the United States, what is known as Dixon entrance, the A-B line or 54-40. This, of course, is entrenched in the 1825 treaty. The 1867 treaty of purchase of the State of Alaska by the United States from Imperial Russia was finally settled in 1903 by an international tribunal in a unanimous vote of the British delegation, the Canadian delegation and the American delegation, and it is perhaps timely that it is being introduced today in that our own Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) is meeting with George Shultz in Washington at this very moment.

● (1530)

This is one of the agenda items being discussed between the Secretary of State for External Affairs and Mr. Shultz. I think perhaps Hon. Members might want to send good wishes in the hopes that the Secretary of State for External Affairs keeps a strong spine and does not allow any consideration of negotiations on the boundary to be undertaken, as Mr. Shultz is requesting the appointment of Mr. Derwinski from the United States—

**Mr. Prud'homme:** A great friend of mine.

**Mr. Fulton:**—and a Canadian to negotiate the reduction of the size of Canada in relation to the A-B line.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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**CRIMINAL CODE**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-321, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (Social Insurance Number).

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Kaplan:** Mr. Speaker, when the social insurance number was first introduced, there was a fear that it was the thin edge of the wedge and that eventually every Canadian would be identified by a number for all purposes. I discovered some time ago that when one applies for a library card in one of the municipalities around Toronto, one has to give the library one's social insurance number. This is going much too far, and I have introduced an amendment to the Criminal Code that prohibits the requirement of a person to give his or her social insurance number except for the original purpose for which social insurance numbers were introduced. I commend this measure to the House.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-322, an Act to amend the Public Service Employment Act (staff of Members of the House of Commons).

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Young:** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to provide equitable treatment to the staff of Members of the House of Commons, including the staff of the Speaker of the House of Commons, when employment is lost as a result of Members ceasing to be Members, by according them the same priority to be appointed to the Public Service that employees in the following offices now enjoy: the office of a Minister, the office of the Leader of the Opposition, the office of the Leader of the Government in the Senate, and the office of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.