

*Routine Proceedings*

## HOUSE MANAGEMENT

## 52ND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Science and Technology):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the 52nd report of the Standing Committee on House Management.

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

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*[English]*

## OFFICE OF THE VICTIMS' ADVOCATE

## MEASURE TO ENACT

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-373, an act respecting the Office of the Victims' Advocate.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

**Mr. Blackburn (Brant):** Madam Speaker, the office of advocate would be an officer of the House of Commons. The advocate would provide support and information to victims on every criminal procedure affecting them and their offender, not only what the general law states, but information on individual cases as is allowed by law.

Third, the office of advocate would establish contact between victims and counsellors and support groups in the community. He or she would provide compensation for any costs incurred by the victim that are not borne by existing government programs or insurance policies.

Finally, and above all, the advocate would recognize the pain and would address the needs of victims of crimes.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Mr. Blackburn (Brant) moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

## PETITIONS

## BILL C-327

**Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie):** Madam Speaker, it gives me great personal privilege, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present four separate petitions from across the country: Regina, Saskatchewan; Stratford, Ontario; Brampton; Yellowknife; Nepean; Ottawa; Port Alberni, B.C.; Orleans and Gloucester. All of these petitioners are speaking out in support of C-327, an act to assist employees to purchase a controlling shareholding in the corporation that employs them.

This bill will be debated this afternoon from four o'clock to five o'clock in Private Members' Business and I would solicit support from both other parties.

## EDUCATION

**Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):** Madam Speaker, I have a number of petitions to present as well. One relates to the problem that teachers experience in purchasing equipment and services to use for the education of our children. They note that the teachers bear a burden of extra curricular expenses in order to improve their professional skills and to acquire certain academic services and materials which are intended to further the level of education for our children.

The petitioners also note that self-employed professionals and business people have deductions for operating expenses and improving their office or business, even deductions for two-martini lunches and the services of prostitutes through escort agencies. They therefore call upon Parliament to request that the Minister of Finance and the Minister of National Revenue take action to amend the present Income Tax Act to allow teachers who teach in the educational institutions of Canada deductions for professional expenses made during the course of their employment.

## SOFTWOOD LUMBER

**Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):** Madam Speaker, my second petition comes from the west coast of Vancouver Island, in particular Port Alberni in my constituency. In this petition the petitioners note that U.S. has unfairly imposed a duty on Canadian softwood