

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, September 17, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table in both official languages, the Government's response to petitions Nos. 332-2986 to 332-2988 inclusive, 332-3027 and 332-3032 to 332-3070 inclusive.

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[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

STRIKING—TWENTY-NINTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the twenty-ninth report of the Striking Committee.

[English]

BILL C-68—REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present in both official languages the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-68, an Act to amend the Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act.

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[Translation]

PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO TAX ON FOOD

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, it is my duty once more today

to present a petition which meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form and content.

Your petitioners humbly sheweth that:

Whereas, since September 1984, the federal Government has imposed on Canadian taxpayers 24 new taxes or tax increases, in particular on medical and dental supplies, snack foods, candy and soft drinks;

Whereas the federal Government in its tax reform proposal has studied the possibility of imposing on Canadians a general tax on goods and services, including food;

And whereas food constitutes a vital element of day-to-day life and imposition of this tax would have the effect of seriously penalizing certain categories of taxpayers, such as the aged, families, the unemployed, low income taxpayers, youth and students;

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject all measures that would have the effect of imposing a sales tax on food products.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 178 will be answered today.

[Text]

GRANTS AND/OR LOANS TO TORONTO AREA

Question No. 178—**Mr. Redway:**

Since September 4, 1984, did the Department of Finance make grants and/or loans to persons or corporations, non-governmental organizations and governments within Metropolitan Toronto and, if so, in each case, in what amount and for what purpose?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): In so far as the Department of Finance is concerned: nil.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The question as enumerated by the Hon. Minister has been answered.