

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 18, 1993

The House met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to six petitions.

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

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HOUSE MANAGEMENT

65TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, on behalf of my colleague, the chairman of the Standing Committee on House Management, today I have the honour to present the 65th report of the Standing Committee on House Management regarding the question of privilege referred to the committee on December 4, 1992.

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

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[*English*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Shall all questions stand?
Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES RESTRAINT ACT, 1993 NO. 2

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance) moved that Bill C-113, an act to provide for government expenditure restraint, be now read the second time and referred to a legislative committee in the Human Resources envelope. He said: Madam Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to lead off the debate on second reading of Bill C-113, an act to provide for government expenditure restraint.

A new bill was required because parliamentary practice would not permit us to make the clarifications which we desire to the former bill, Bill C-105.

Bill C-113 seeks to implement a number of expenditure restraint measures which I announced in the economic and fiscal statement tabled in the House last December and supersedes Bill C-105 through the clarification of provisions in respect essentially of changes to the Unemployment Insurance Act.

These measures are essential in our work to contain the deficit and to maintain an environment that supports economic growth and increased employment. These are the goals, very specifically of this government, jobs and growth.

These are the goals and objectives that underlie the philosophy of this government. These are the goals of the policies and programs that we have brought forward to the House of Commons for the Canadian people that underlie the basic thrust of our government's initiative.