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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Mr. Andre, pursuant to Standing Order 56.1(1)(a), moves that nine members and the necessary staff of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be authorized to travel to Washington, D.C., from February 9 to February 12, 1992, to study the American auditing and accountability system.

Will those members who object to the motion please rise in their places?

And less than 25 members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The motion is carried.

Motion agreed to.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Rocheleau: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order. I think it is indecent for the government to go on free trips around the world, when Canadian citizens are being asked to tighten their belts.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): If hon. members disagree with the Standing Orders then they should do something about that. Otherwise there is no sense debating it in the House.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I might have concerns about the Standing Order, but at least we should follow it. Before this Standing Order is to be used there has to be an attempt to seek unanimous consent prior to the moving of this motion.

It seems to me that procedure was not followed so what we have just done is actually out of order.

If I am allowed to complete my remarks, I first of all want to say that the procedure was not followed here as per the Standing Order. Second, I want to register once again my strong opposition to the inappropriate use of Standing Order 56.1, to it being used for a particular initiative for which it was never intended.

I simply say in closing that had adequate notice been given on Tuesday this would not have been necessary.

Routine Proceedings

But again I want to say that this motion has been proceeded with inappropriately.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): As far as I am concerned, the motion was proceeded according to Standing Orders. There is no doubt in my mind.

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think you would find that there would be unanimous consent in the House to revert from motions to petitions, thereafter completing petitions and then referring back to motions.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if we may do petitions and then allow me to answer the questions as well before returning to the concurrence motions.

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Agreed and so ordered.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Saint-Julien: Mr. Speaker, before the points of order on the motion by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, I rose on the motion for the trip to Washington.

I am a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and I refuse to go on this trip.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): If the member wishes to get any information he should check with his Whip.

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PETITIONS

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by approximately 2,200 people who wish to petition Parliament with regard to the Young Offenders Act.

They have asked me to present this petition to Parliament in memory of 16-year old Anne Marie Bloskie who was brutally murdered in Barry's Bay last summer.

They make some very cogent points in here. They say that section 16 of the Young Offenders Act fails to provide to the public protection from dangerous young criminals, that the community interest should be protected by allowing the participation of the community