

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 17, 1992

The House met at 10 a.m.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

### BANK OF CANADA

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNOR AND  
OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

**Mr. Pierre H. Vincent (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the annual report of the Governor of the Bank of Canada and the statement of accounts for 1991.

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

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[*English*]

### NOWRUZ DAY ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-338, an act respecting the Iranian New Year's Day.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

**Mr. Attewell:** Mr. Speaker, over 150,000 Canadians of Iranian descent contribute to the special mosaic that gives Canada its unique character.

Their roots are founded in the ancient Persian culture.

Nowruz or New Year's Day according to the Persian calendar, falls on the first day of spring. It celebrates the arrival of spring and the renewal of life.

With the help of Dr. Sy Kazemi, a constituent of mine and a leading figure in the Iranian community of Canada, I have prepared this bill so that Nowruz, the Iranian New Year's Day, will be recognized officially on March 21 every year.

Sy has just called again and asked that I close with Happy New Year or Nowruz to all Iranian Canadians.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Mr. Attewell 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 ordered to be printed.

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### PUBLIC SECTOR BONUSES ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-339, an act to eliminate the payment of bonuses in the public sector of Canada.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

**Mr. Duhamel:** Mr. Speaker, this bill is a very simple one. Its intent is to ensure that those individuals who normally receive very huge bonuses are in fact treated much more in line with others who earn a living in Canada.

What we want to attempt to do is to make certain that there are no large payments that are paid out, some in excess of single family earnings in this country. I feel and some of my colleagues do that this would be a very important measure to show Canadians that we are willing to look at those other Canadians who enjoy substantially more than others.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Mr. Duhamel moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.