Tabling of Documents

Mr. Mazankowski: Is it right or wrong?

Mr. Kaplan: It is correct, the statement the FBI is trying to determine if a U.S. firm broke any American laws. I have a certain understanding of what those laws are relating to foreign lobbyists, and I explained that to the media. I thought that was exactly what Deputy Commissioner Jensen was confirming. In other words, this was not the part about the Hon. Member for Rosemont (Mrs. Blais-Grenier), which I understood it was not confirming, and I was explaining the part as best I could.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, he has not explained it. As a matter of fact, he has confirmed the point that I made earlier in Question Period. I am advised by the Deputy Commissioner, through the Solicitor General, that at no time did he ever state, confirm, or imply that the FBI had asked the RCMP for assistance as was stated by the Hon. Member, and as he just now confirmed, in *The Ottawa Citizen*. I would rather take the words of the Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP than the Hon. Member. If that is right, he should withdraw.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for York Centre has risen on what I would take as a personal question of privilege, and I, as have other Hon. Members, have listened to him. There has been a further exchange. There has been some disagreement on facts. However, I think both sides have had a chance to express their points of view, and I will go on to other matters.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Government's response to fifty-four petitions numbered as follows: 332-5039 and 332-5042 to 332-5094, inclusive.

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

Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. During my intervention I sought unanimous consent in order to table the transcript so that the House could see exactly what I read to Deputy Commissioner Jensen—

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: I have to inform the Hon. Member for York Centre, as I am sure he well knows, being an experienced Member, that without unanimous consent he cannot table the document. I think he, of course, has other ways to bring it to the attention of Hon. Members.

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

PRESENTATION OF TWENTIETH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to have the honour to present, in both official languages, the twentieth report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs in relation to Bill C-139, an Act to amend the Income Tax Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971, the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, 1977 and certain related Acts, with amendments.

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

PETITIONS

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED CANADA CHILD CARE ACT

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to present to the House petitions certified correct pursuant to Standing Order 106. The petitioners are concerned that families throughout Canada need high quality, available, affordable child care services.

Whereas it has been repeatedly recommended that to make these services available for families the Government of Canada must introduce legislation containing national objectives and appropriate mechanisms for the development of a comprehensive, non-profit child care system accessible to all families throughout Canada, the petitioners suggest to the House that the child care Act is not in the best interests of young children, women or families in Canada, and therefore they pray that Parliament withdraw the child care Act forthwith.

ACTIONS OF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, the attached petitions are certified correct as to form and content.

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The petitioners, of which there are many hundreds, wish to bring the following to the attention of the Government and the House. Whereas the Romanian Government is presently engaging in certain acts which violate basic human and minority rights, such as destroying more than one-half of the 13,000 villages in Romania to build agro-industrial centres resulting in the loss of a culture and historic heritage which will deprive not only Romania but also future generations of a priceless heritage by annihilating magnificent examples of Roman, Gothic, and Reform period architecture; whereas the same government has decreed that all geographic designations be changed from the Hungarian and Saxon languages to Romanian, thereby seriously violating minority rights; whereas