

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 7, 1994

The House met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to petitions.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Charles Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the second report of the Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development.

[English]

This report concerns Bill C-23, an act to implement a convention for the protection of migratory birds in Canada and the United States.

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Gordon Kirkby (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development in both official languages.

Your committee has considered Bill C-16, the Sahtu Dene and Metis Land Claim Settlement Act and has agreed to report it without amendment.

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[Translation]

MARINE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ACT

Hon. Douglas Young (Minister of Transport) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-38, an Act to provide for the security of marine transportation.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

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[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

Mr. Paul Szabo (Mississauga South) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-256, an act to amend the Income Tax Act (transfer of income to spouse).

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He said: Mr. Speaker, it is a great honour for me to present my first private member's bill in the House of Commons. I would like to thank the member for Madawaska—Victoria for seconding my bill.

The bill would amend the Income Tax Act to allow one spouse to split or to pay up to \$25,000 to the other spouse who is managing the family home and caring for at least one dependent child who has not commenced full time attendance at school.

The initiative would recognize the value of work in the family home and would give parents the option of providing direct parental care to their children. It would allow the spouse in the home to be eligible to purchase RRSPs and therefore provide a more equitable retirement income opportunity. Both jobs and day care spaces would be freed up by the initiative by those who could now afford to leave the workforce and remain at home to care for their children.

It is a great honour to present the bill to the House. I look forward to discussing it with my colleagues to garner support for what I believe is an important initiative.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

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PETITIONS

ETHANOL

Mr. Rex Crawford (Kent): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I am pleased to present a petition from the residents of Kent.

The petitioners request that the federal government support an ethanol plant in the city of Chatham, Ontario, an area devastated by free trade and NAFTA agreements. Jobs will be