

*Routine Proceedings***GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS**

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and 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 88 petitions.

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

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[*Translation*]

BILL C-86

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-86, an act to amend the Immigration Act and other acts in consequence thereof, with amendments.

[*English*]

Might I just say that members will know that this is an important bill. The committee received 186 letters and 116 briefs. We listened to 110 witnesses, 48 groups, 35 officials from the department, the RCMP, CSIS, the Department of Justice.

The committee adopted 102 amendments. I say that this reflects the very best of Parliament where all three parties worked hard all summer and that this in fact is good public law.

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-365, an act to amend the Canadian Criminal Code.

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

Mr. Harb: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to prohibit crossbows as we know them. It does not take away from archery or the other types of crossbows which are used for sporting.

• (1510)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Mr. Harb 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 printed.

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-366, an act to amend the Criminal Code (replica firearms).

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

Mr. Harb: Mr. Speaker, this again has to do with an amendment to the Criminal Code, replica firearms. The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the sales of replicas of guns that might reasonably be mistaken for real guns in the commission of a crime.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Mr. Harb 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 printed.

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INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-367, an act to amend the Income Tax Act (donors to food banks).

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

Mr. Harb: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is to amend the Income Tax Act immediately after section 259. The purpose of it is to permit donations of food to a food bank to be treated as a charitable gift, notwithstanding that the value of the food has already been deducted as a business expense of the donor. The objective of it is to encourage people to give more to food banks.