

Introduction of Government Bills

Pursuant to Standing Order 99(2), the committee requests that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report.

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RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 99(2), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's global response to the second report of the Standing committee on Research, Science and Technology.

That report was submitted on February 20, 1987 and was entitled: "Major Surveys".

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[English]

HOLIDAYS ACT**MEASURE TO AMEND**

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-260, and Act respecting Sir John A. Macdonald Day.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Members have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Nicholson: Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to introduce an amendment to the Holidays Act that would declare a national holiday on the second Monday in February entitled Sir John A. Macdonald Day. Canada's first Prime Minister, more than any other single individual, is responsible for the creation of the Canadian Confederation and a day set aside to honour him is long overdue. A holiday in February would be welcomed, I believe, by Canadians coming as it would between New Year's Day and Easter. I call on all Members, indeed all Canadians, who believe we should honour Sir John A. Macdonald, to support this Bill.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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PETITIONS**OPPOSITION TO RESTORATION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by a large number of residents of Elora and Fergus, Ontario, who believe that to kill people who kill people to show that killing people is wrong is morally indefensible. They share the belief that returning evil for evil contributes to the disintegration of the moral integrity

and social well-being of the society in which it is introduced. They suggest that as a member in good standing of the United Nations Canada should be supporting the UN in its efforts to eradicate the death penalty in all nations of the world. They call upon Parliament to defeat the motion introduced in this House on February 13 supporting in principle the restoration of the death penalty.

SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary East): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present on behalf of citizens of Calgary East and Canadians from all across our country the signatures of 1,991 people calling upon this Parliament to pass a motion favouring the return of capital punishment. These signatures, now totalling 14,000, represent the strong will of the Canadian people on this important issue.

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound—Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present on behalf of the citizens of my province and my riding, and Canadians from all across the country, a petition bearing 1,958 signatures calling upon this Parliament to pass the motion favouring the return of capital punishment.

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey—Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Canadians from my riding of Grey—Simcoe and across our country, I am pleased to present a petition containing a further 2,018 signatures calling upon Parliament to pass the motion favouring the return of capital punishment for certain acts of planned and deliberate murder, and for the killing of police officers and prison guards. I do believe this is a continued reflection of the will of the Canadian people.

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Forestry and Mines)): Mr. Speaker, I, too, have a petition to present to the House on capital punishment. Citizens in British Columbia, particularly in my riding of Cariboo—Chilcotin, indeed from across the country, 2,022 signatures in all, call upon this Parliament to pass a motion favouring the return of capital punishment. That brings the total to in excess of 18,000 signature on petitions presented to this House on this subject.

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I, too, have the honour to present some 2,028 signatures on petitions sent to Parliament asking us to restore capital punishment. This brings the total to some 20,250.

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS AT ARMED FORCES BASE GOOSE BAY

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from residents of the City of Toronto concerned over NATO flight training at Goose Bay, disruption of the life of the people there, and the provocative and aggressive war-fighting action which it constitutes. They ask Parliament to ensure that the Prime Minister ends all low-level flight training at Goose Bay Canadian Forces Base and cease negotiations with NATO for the establishment of a larger base there.