

I want to add my words to those of the member for Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca when talking about Harold's overcoming of his speech impediment. Sometimes he would stand before a crowd of people and his mouth would be open for almost a full minute without a sound coming out. The only way he overcame that was through sheer determination and by learning to shout dramatically. That is the way he got the sound out, that is the way he got the word out. He was later billed across the country as being one of the 10 leading orators in Canada.

Following the riot and the occupation of the post office, it was my father's shoulder and a lamp post that served as his platform when he stopped the communist inspired attack on the Vancouver police station, which would have resulted in many deaths had it been allowed to go ahead. So I have a personal interest.

My condolences go to his family, and particularly Jessie Mendels who was provincial secretary of the CCF when Harold was leader of the opposition. They had a crush on each other but Harold was married. His wife was very disabled, and it was a very touching moment for many of us when we saw Harold, long after his wife died, return from a vacation in Hawaii with Jessie on his arm as his new bride.

He was a man who gave everything, along with his family, to the defence of working people and ordinary people in British Columbia and in Canada as he saw it. We owe him and his kind a great debt.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

TABLING OF REFERENCE

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table, in both official languages, a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1). These are deemed referred to

the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

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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 19 petitions.

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

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CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Chris Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-396, an act to amend the Criminal Code and Customs Tariff in consequence (child pornography).

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

Mr. Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing): Mr. Speaker, over the last perhaps 20 years there has been a good deal of debate and effort to make child pornography a crime. To date that has not met with any success, but I put forward this private member's bill in the hope that the government and the members in the House will see fit to support it over time.

The bill provides a definition of child pornography. It proposes amendments to the Criminal Code and to the Customs Tariff which would create new offences concerning the possession of child pornography, dealing in child pornography, and using children in pornographic performances. It introduces new legislation that makes the possession of child pornography an indictable offence. It sets out roles for defences. For example, it deals with the issue of artistic merit and it adds child pornography to the list of prohibited goods so that it is illegal to import or attempt to import child pornography specifically.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Mr. Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing) moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.