

CANADA-NEWFOUNDLAND ATLANTIC ACCORD IMPLEMENTATION ACT

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-6, an Act to implement an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on off-shore petroleum resource management and revenue sharing and to make related and consequential amendments, with amendments, in both official languages.

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STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF FOURTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table the Fourth Report of the Striking Committee, in both official languages.

PRESENTATION OF FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table the Fifth Report of the Striking Committee, in both official languages.

Mr. Speaker, if the House agrees, I intend to move concurrence in the Fifth Report later this day.

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

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[English]

PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR RELOCATION OF CANADIAN EMBASSY FROM SYRIA TO CYPRUS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to present a petition to the House signed by constituents of mine of Lebanese extraction who humbly pray and ask the House that whereas the access to the Canadian Embassy in Syria is very difficult for people who are born or brought up in the Christian areas of Lebanon; whereas Lebanese people are harassed by the Syrian road-blocks and guards; and whereas Lebanese people are charged a fee upon entering and leaving the Syrian border; and that no foreign money is allowed to pass through Syria, the Canadian Government remove the Canadian Embassy from its location in Syria and move it to a location in Cyprus.

Petitions

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of Canadians who express their opposition to the Government's declared intention to introduce legislation which will change the Patent Act, the results of which will be to increase the cost of drugs to Canadians by many millions of dollars each year.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by a number of people in my constituency who say that the federal Government's proposal to change the Patent Act relating to prescription drugs will increase drug prices for Canadian consumers and severely restrict the ability of average Canadians to buy necessary prescription drugs. Therefore, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Standing Order 106 I have the duty and pleasure to present a petition signed by a number of citizens of Canada who are protesting the raid on the pockets of the sick and the poor by the proposals of the Government to make changes to the Patent Act which would allow increases in the price of drugs in Canada. These people call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition to the House signed by some 70 or 80 people from the great riding of Yorkton—Melville. It is a petition which opposes the changes to the Patent Act. The people who have signed this petition state that they are afraid that this move will result in higher drug costs to provincial Governments and to Canadians in general. They are calling upon Parliament to reject the proposals that are about to be made which will increase prescription drug costs for Canadians.

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour, duty and pleasure to present a petition on behalf of senior citizens in La Pas and Flin Flon, Manitoba. In their petition my constituents express their concern with the federal Government's intention to increase the cost of drugs. They point out that this will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose ongoing health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on a continuing basis.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am sure it is merely a slip of the tongue of Members opposite. However, under Standing Order 106 all petitions must be properly certified by the Clerk before presentation. If they are—

Mr. Benjamin: They are!