

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, May 28, 1991

The House met at 10 a.m.

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### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

**Mr. Speaker:** Tabling of documents. Statements by ministers.

**Mr. Cooper:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, I missed my cue. Could we possibly return to tabling of documents?

**Mr. Speaker:** I just want to say to the House that I am most delighted to be able to ask the House's indulgence to return to tabling of documents for the hon. parliamentary secretary.

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### PETITIONS

#### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**Mr. Albert Cooper (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 several petitions.

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

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### ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES ACT

#### MEASURE TO ENACT

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-209, an act respecting the protection and rehabilitation of endangered and threatened species.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this act intends to protect and rehabilitate endangered and threatened species. In essence, it attempts to identify, protect and rehabilitate

flora and fauna in Canada which are threatened or endangered by human activity; to develop and implement programs to restore the populations of threatened and endangered species of flora and fauna in Canada to self-sustaining numbers; and to provide legislative support to voluntary programs.

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

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### CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-210, an act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

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He said: Mr. Speaker, this bill to amend the Human Rights Act is one that was introduced during the last session of Parliament. I am reintroducing it.

In his 1989 report, the Human Rights Commissioner recommended certain changes in the act. In order to support the Human Rights Commissioner in his excellent work, I had drafted the proposals that he put forward in this bill.

Therefore, the bill could be proceeded with. Hon. members can consider the matter when it reaches committee. I would ask that we proceed with the bill at an early date.

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

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### PETITIONS

#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, it is indeed an honour and a privilege to once again present a petition on behalf of a number of petitioners from the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia.