

*Introduction of Bills*

Thus your petitioners humbly play that Parliament agree to include this section in the new riding of Laurier—Sainte-Marie, and not in the riding of Saint-Henri—Westmount as proposed by the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Quebec.

[English]

## OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from people of the Province of Manitoba who are presently represented in the House by Conservative Members of Parliament. They are from the communities of Fannystelle, Brandon, Thornhill, Darlingford, Pine River, Morden and a number of other communities in the southern part of Manitoba.

They express their concern with the federal Government's intention to change the Patent Act. They believe it will unfairly hurt those Canadians whose health needs require the purchase of prescription drugs on a regular basis. They also believe this is just another example of the Canadian Government making concessions to the United States at the expense of average Canadians in the Government's free trade negotiations with that country.

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The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject these proposals which will increase prescription drug prices for Canadians.

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## SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

## MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Bill Gottselig (Moose Jaw):** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-257, an Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act (independence of Parliament).

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Gottselig:** Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to clarify the conflict of interests rules of the Senate and House of Commons Act by making express provisions for the right of Members of Parliament, who are members of a class such as farmers to participate in Government assistance programs on an equal basis with other members of that class who may qualify for such assistance.

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

[Translation]

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall all questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## PROVISIONAL AND PERMANENT STANDING ORDERS

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Mazankowski, seconded by Mr. Jelinek, moves:

That all the provisional and permanent Standing Orders of the House in force on the date of this motion, be amended as follows and be adopted as amended as the permanent Standing Orders of the House; provided—

Shall I dispense?

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Speaker, since the Government wants to proceed unilaterally on amending these rules, we will insist that Standing Order 70(1) be applied today.

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, I also want to register the concern of the Party I represent, that since the Government has decided to use this unilateral and rather dictatorial approach to change the rules to its satisfaction only, ignoring the roles of the Official Opposition and the other Opposition Party, we too expect that the entire motion will be read in both official languages.

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Mazankowski, seconded by Mr. Jelinek, moves:

That all the provisional and permanent Standing Orders of the House in force on the date of this motion, be amended as follows and be adopted as amended as the permanent Standing Orders of the House; provided

1. that these permanent Standing Orders shall take effect on the first Monday sitting day following the adoption of this motion;

2. that all provisional and permanent Standing Orders in force on the date of notice of this motion, except Standing Order 4, along with the sessional and special Orders related thereto, extended by special Order May 22, 1987 to June 5, 1987, become permanent on the first sitting Monday following the adoption of this motion;

3. that Standing Order 4 remain provisional until December 31, 1987 and be amended by adding the following sub-paragraph (2): Notwithstanding Standing Order 4(1), a Minister of the Crown may set down on Notice a motion to provide for sittings of the House between June 30 and the Monday following Labour Day. No later than June 30, 1987, the said motion shall be proposed for debate during Routine Proceedings, and no later than two hours after the commencement of proceedings thereon, the Speaker shall put every question necessary to dispose of the said motion; and