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clearing his name. In order to avoid the tremendous legal costs attached to an action such as this with respect to a matter which could be cleared up within the resources of the government, would the Solicitor General consider the unfairness of his answer and use his good offices either to make public the information in his possession which would indicate that Carruthers is clean or, on the other hand, to recommend the establishment of a tribunal where evidence could be placed and could be confronted, and Carruthers could be given an opportunity to clear his name in an expeditious and effective manner?

Mr. Fox: I am, of course, delighted to hear that members on the other side believe that names ought not to be bandied around loosely either in parliament—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Fox: —or by the media.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): What about clearing it?

An hon. Member: Disgraceful!

Mr. Fox: If the hon. member is referring to a civil servant who feels his reputation has been slandered by his name being bandied in the media, I suggest once again that his name has not been sullied by this government or by any previous solicitor general and that his recourse lies against those who have bandied his name about. As far as we are concerned we have nothing to do with that man's name being brought out in the press.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

Fourth report of Joint Standing Committee on Regulations and other Statutory Instruments—Mr. McCleave.

[*English*]

TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Fifth report of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications—Mr. Campbell.

[*Editor's Note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

[Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton).]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

TABLING OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF CRTC

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table, under Standing Order 41(2), copies, in both official languages, of correspondence between myself and the chairman of the CRTC concerning the delay in the report of the committee of inquiry regarding the CBC.

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FINANCE

TABLING OF REPORT OF COMMODITY TAX REVIEW GROUP

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to table the report of the commodity tax review group.

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INFORMATION

TABLING OF GREEN PAPER ON PUBLIC ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, in accordance with Standing Order 41(2), I am tabling, in both official languages, a green paper on legislation concerning public access to government documents.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, may I, on a point of order, ask the government House leader what is to be the business for the balance of the day and for the rest of the week? Perhaps he would tell us, also, the government's plans for next week.

Mr. MacEachen: Yes, Mr. Speaker. We shall call the report stage of the Auditor General's bill today and, hopefully, the House will agree to proceed to third reading. Afterwards we would turn to third reading of the Canada Pension Plan amendment. Following that, I should like to call the amendments to the Criminal Code—

Mr. Woolliams: What a dream.

Mr. MacEachen: —and third reading of the unemployment insurance bill.

An hon. Member: We shall be here until August.

Mr. MacEachen: As the hon. gentleman knows, there is a resolution on the order paper in the name of the Prime Minister. This will be called on Tuesday and it will provide an occasion upon which to debate the question of national unity.