

Tabling of Documents

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS DEPOSITORS COMPENSATION ACT—
REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the final report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-79, an Act respecting the provision of compensation to depositors of Canadian Commercial Bank, CCB Mortgage Investment Corporation and Northland Bank in respect of uninsured depositors, in both official languages.

STRIKING COMMITTEE—ELEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING
COMMITTEE

Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver-Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, after long and arduous discussion among all three Parties and final agreement, I have the honour to table the eleventh report of the Striking Committee, in both official languages.

CRIMINAL CODE (PROSTITUTION)—REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the report of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-49, an Act to amend the Criminal Code (prostitution), with one amendment, in both official languages.

LABOUR, EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION—FIFTH REPORT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration, concerning the document referred to the committee entitled *Refugee Determination in Canada*.

In accordance with Standing Order 70(16), I request that the Government make a comprehensive response to the fifth report.

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

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HEALTH

TABLING OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO AIDS

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure last week of meeting with the members of the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs in an information session on AIDS. At that time I referred to a summary of what was currently being done by my Department to deal with this disease.

Therefore, I am pleased today to rise, pursuant to Standing Order 47(2), to table a document entitled *The Federal Government's Response to AIDS*, in both official languages.

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RAILWAYS

ANNIVERSARY OF COMPLETION OF CANADIAN PACIFIC
TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY—STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF
TRANSPORT

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the House today, this seventh day of November, 1985, on the 100th anniversary of the driving of the last spike at Craigellachie, British Columbia.

That historic event, which occurred at 9.22 a.m., was truly one of the most important moments in Canada's history. With the final drive of a hammer, Canada emerged as a united country from coast to coast. A ribbon of steel brought us together as a nation. It gave meaning and substance to the word "Canada". Completion of the transcontinental railway realized our national dream. It serves as a monument and testimony to the spirit, conviction and determination of our forebears.

The sheer act of pushing the iron rail across this land, through muskeg and mountain, over river and plain, stands as a symbol of Canada and the Canadian spirit. That desire to build, to work the vast reaches of Canada, remains a vital element of our national character. The last spike resonates in our imagination and national identity. While it was the end of an epic task, it also marked the beginning of many new and exciting ventures, serving as a springboard for Canada's future.

For the next 100 years, our railways and our transportation system would be instrumental in Canada's economic and social development. The system gave us a base, a link on which to take hold and grow. Now we stand on the verge of a new era in our nation's history. As we look to that future, we again depend on our transportation system to provide the enterprise, innovation and excellence which helped to build our great nation.

Today, just as a century ago, we recognize the importance of transportation to Canada's future and the need to respond with equal vision and spirit to the challenge of building a foundation for national development. To this end, the Government is committed to developing a new legislative framework for transportation to lead us into the 21st century.

Our goal is to develop a transportation system which contributes to the competitiveness of our commerce, a dynamic and energetic system serving new demands. To do so, we must adopt new technology and fresh innovations to provide a wider range of services. We are world leaders in transportation technology, and we must build upon that strength.

We are confident that in a new environment the transportation community will respond to the challenge. Our framework, as outlined in *Freedom to Move*, encourages the competitive