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repeat the citation of the last quotation you gave me.

[*Translation*]

Madam Speaker: My reference is *Hansard*, the official report of the debates, for October 16, 1979, page 42.

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[*English*]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Riis: Madam Speaker, while I appreciate it is the custom for the three House leaders to raise matters of House business, in the absence of the acting House leader of the New Democratic Party I would like to put a question to the government House leader.

Last week we were led to believe that the borrowing authority bill would be tabled in the House today and debated on Tuesday or Wednesday, I believe. Is that the present plan?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, last Friday I indicated that, because I promised to provide my colleagues with a draft of the bill so they could look at it before we started to debate it, I had to postpone introduction of the borrowing authority bill. I will be in a position to give a draft bill to my colleagues later tonight or perhaps tomorrow; therefore, the bill will not be introduced before tomorrow and the motion to concur on the Ways and Means will be moved tomorrow.

Mr. Nielsen: That, of course, raises the question when the borrowing bill will be proceeded with. I assume it will not be on Wednesday now in order to provide the necessary time. Does the government House leader have any idea what he is going to be doing on Wednesday and when the borrowing bill will be brought in?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, if we introduce the bill tomorrow we could start debating it on Wednesday, but I will not, because of the requested delay, call it unless my colleagues are ready to proceed. Therefore, if they are not ready to proceed on Wednesday and I wanted to call it, then I would, depending on the housing bill debate, call the customs tariff bill. This will be done on the next Wednesday unless we come to an agreement to deal with the borrowing authority bill if it is introduced tomorrow, as I plan to do. It all depends on the length of debate on the bill to amend the Canada Housing Act.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS

PRESENTATION OF THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the third report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

[*Translation*]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

TABLING OF LIST OF ACTING MINISTERS

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, under Standing Order 41(2), I would like to table a list of acting ministers, and with the consent of the House I would ask that the list be appended to the official report of today's *Debates*.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the list to appear in appendice to today's *Hansard*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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[*English*]

PETITION

MR. NYSTROM—SENIOR CITIZENS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I have a very pleasant task to perform this afternoon, one that is often done by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) who is unable to be with us today. I would table for all hon. members to study and, hopefully, take action upon a petition, containing the signatures of over 5,000 senior citizens, which was organized by the Saskatchewan Senior Citizens Action Now Association.

As you know, under the rules I cannot read the six suggestions they have made to us, but I want to recommend to the House that it take seriously the request of over 5,000 people in my province to, among other things, increase pensions and establish a department of senior citizens' affairs in Canada.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 2,491, 3,244, 3,563, 3,713 and 3,714.