HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, February 6, 1992

The House met at 10 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS BOARD

TABLING OF 24TH ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Jean-Guy Hudon (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the President of the Queen's Privy Council, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the 24th annual report of the Public Service Staff Relations Board for the year ending March 31, 1991.

[English]

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

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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INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo-Cowichan) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-329, an act to amend the Income Tax Act (exemption of wages from garnishment). The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Stupich: Mr. Speaker, under section 224 of the Income Tax Act, if the minister becomes aware of wages payable to a tax debtor, the minister has the right to seize up to 100 per cent of those wages until the debt is completely paid off.

This bill proposes to amend that section of the act so that a certain proportion of wages will be left to the tax debtor to live on in the meantime.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Mr. Stupich moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I will attempt today to move two motions that I was unsuccessful with yesterday.

The first one is a travel motion on the arms export subcommittee. I move:

That, notwithstanding the order made on December 3, 1991, the subcommittee on arms export of the Standing Committee of External Affairs and International Trade be authorized to travel to Winnipeg and Victoria from March 23 to 27, 1992 instead of February 10 to 14, 1992.

Motion agreed to.