

**Mr. Lee:** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to introduce a bill which proposes an amendment to the invasion of privacy sections of the Criminal Code.

Recent lower court decisions have called into question the effectiveness of the existing Criminal Code provisions on eavesdropping and wiretapping. In particular, these decisions have stated that the privacy protection provisions of the code do not apply to private conversations conducted over cellular telephones.

This bill makes it very clear that every telephone conversation between two or more individuals will be safeguarded from intruders, and that includes cellular telephone conversations.

**Mr. Speaker:** Mr. Lee 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 printed.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

##### AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, I move:

That six members of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade be authorized to travel to New York City to study the role of the United Nations from December 14 to December 16, 1992.

Notwithstanding any Standing Order of this House, the Chief Whip of any recognized party may effect substitutions for that review from any envelopes by filing notice thereof with the clerk of the committee and such substitution shall be effective for the entire period of travel and should be effective immediately when received by the clerk of the committee.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the House agree?

**An hon. member:** No.

#### Routine Proceedings

#### FINANCE

##### AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, I would also like to move:

That five members and three staff persons of the subcommittee on International Financial Institutions of the Standing Committee on Finance be authorized to travel to Washington, D.C., in relation to their study on the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank for four days in January or February, 1993.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the House agree?

**An hon. member:** No.

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#### PETITIONS

##### PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 36 to present a petition in relation to Bill C-91 from a group of petitioners from the west coast of Canada. They ask Parliament to repeal Bill C-22 and not proceed with Bill C-91 so that Canadians will have the full benefit from lower priced generic drugs and so that provincial and private drug plans can serve Canadians without being forced to charge higher fees and/or provide less coverage.

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions.

The first is from a number of my constituents in Coquitlam who ask the government not to proceed with Bill C-91 and repeal Bill C-22 passed in 1987 so that Canadians will have the full benefit from lower priced generic drugs and so that provincial and private drug plans can serve Canadians without being forced to charge higher fees and provide less coverage.

#### HEALTH CARE

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam):** The second petition, Mr. Speaker, is a huge petition with lots of signatures from all over British Columbia from the Council of Senior Citizens Organizations of British Columbia called COSCO and the Canada-wide peaceful grassroots people who support the universality of medicare.