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Mr. Althouse: Madam Speaker, I will discuss the Defence Department matter with the Minister later.

MAINTENANCE OF HIGH STANDARDS

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt-Lake Centre): Since there seem to be some communication problems between the veterinarians, meat inspectors, health officials and, to some extent, even Meat Council members, concerning these changes—the financing, the allocation of staff and so on—would the Minister consider referring the whole question of meat inspection to the Standing Committee on Agriculture or to another Committee of the House so that we can ensure that the inspection standards and the excellent rating that Canada has in this area are maintained?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Madam Speaker, what the Hon. Member suggests is not unrealistic. I will consider it and make recommendations.

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OFFICIAL REPORT

DISCREPANCIES WITH VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS IN RECORDING OF DIVISIONS

Madam Speaker: Before we proceed to Routine Proceedings, I should like to give some information to the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) who asked questions about the records in *Votes and Proceedings* and in *Hansard* on a vote which took place in the House.

As I told him on the day that he raised the point of order, the record in *Votes and Proceedings* was correct—but that in *Hansard* was not. *Hansard* will be reprinted to reflect what took place in the House.

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

FILING OF OBJECTION TO REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. Doug Lewis (Simcoe North): Madam Speaker, yesterday the Chair advised the House that a late objection had been filed to the report of the Saskatchewan Electoral Boundaries Commission. I wish to advise that I have reviewed the matter with my colleagues who are amazed at the lack of understanding exhibited in the objection. Whoever drafted it has obviously spent too much time in Ottawa and not enough time in Saskatchewan. We are therefore unable to agree to the objection being submitted.

Order Paper Questions

PARLIAMENT HILL

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF PEACE CAMP

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Madam Speaker, I listened with some interest to the response made by the Secretary of State (Mr. Joyal) regarding squatters on Parliament Hill. He indicated there were some rules and regulations. I wonder if the Minister would be prepared to table those rules and regulations in the House.

Madam Speaker: Order. That is not a point of order. The Hon. Member might want to make inquiries from the Minister in another Question Period and find out about these matters.

Mr. Neil: It is very important.

Madam Speaker: Of course it is.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

MR. DEANS—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of Ontario in which they say that millions of Canadians are now unemployed and that of those Canadians, thousands are exhausting Unemployment Insurance benefits every month. They say that these exhaustees are now obliged to rely on provincial and municipal social assistance programs for support and that the cost of this unemployment to social service programs is astronomical. Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to extend Unemployment Insurance coverage to all those entitled to benefit for the duration of their unemployment; and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

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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. 4,789, 4,802, 4,836 and 4,879.

[Text]

PERSONS RECEIVING OLD AGE SECURITY BENEFITS

Question No. 4,789—**Mr. Howie:**

As of January 1 (a) 1981 (b) 1982 (c) 1983, how many persons were receiving old age security benefits?