

## POINT OF ORDER

REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO REPORT OF  
STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Minister of State for Immigration (Mr. McLean) is obliged by the Standing Orders to table a comprehensive response to a report submitted by the Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration 120 days ago. He has already violated that obligation once by refusing to submit a comprehensive response to a previous report. He promised then that he would do the two together at this time.

I received a letter from him in which he says he is not ready and will do it later. I want to ask you, Mr. Speaker, if you will refer this matter to what I believe is a new committee, the Committee on Elections, Privileges and Procedure because this is not the first time that this Minister has breached this Standing Order.

I, therefore, ask that you, Mr. Speaker, refer this matter to the Committee so we can discuss the value of Standing Order 99(2), when a Minister can apparently simply ignore it by writing a polite little letter saying: "I'm not going to do it because I am not ready to do it". If you wish to reserve on this matter, Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to have your response.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, if I may be allowed to perhaps address the point of order raised by the Hon. Member, my understanding of the matter is that there has been a response within the time required in each instance referred to by the Hon. Member. He went on to make reference to the quality or content of that particular response. I do not believe that is an appropriate point of order.

The Hon. Member may not be satisfied with the response, but I believe from what the Hon. Member says that the Minister has been fullsome in his praise with respect to the work which has been done by the Committee, but has indicated that he requires to carry out further consultations and will be giving the detailed response which is required on this very important and complex matter.

The point of order, however, is out of order because there has been a compliance and response by the Minister on each of these two occasions. I do not think it is appropriate for us to comment on the quality of these responses.

**Mr. Heap:** Point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member is already on one point of order. I presume he wants me to finish this one before he raises another.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** On the same point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I suggest that the logical course of action is for the Chair to reserve, not having the facts before it on this matter, and to come back to the House after investigating the matter raised by the Hon. Member for Spadina (Mr. Heap).

## Petitions

**Mr. Heap:** Point of order.

**Mr. Speaker:** On a separate point of order?

**Mr. Heap:** No, on the same point of order. I did give you the facts as contained in the letter of the Minister, if a Page will bring it to you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, of course, the Hon. Member may send me what he has.

**Mr. Heap:** The word "comprehensive" is a joke if this is a comprehensive answer.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

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## COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

STRIKING—TWENTY-NINTH AND THIRTIETH REPORTS OF  
STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the twenty-ninth and thirtieth reports of the Striking Committee.

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## PENSION BENEFITS STANDARDS ACT, 1985

## PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the legislative committee report on Bill C-90.

*(Editor's Note: For above, see today's Votes and Proceedings.)*

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## PETITIONS

## REINSTATEMENT OF KATIMAVIK PROGRAM

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, with your permission, I would like to submit a petition signed by a number of citizens of metro Toronto who make strong representations and pray the Government to reinstate, with full funding, the Katimavik Program for the benefit of the young people of Canada.

## USE OF PENSION INCOME IN CALCULATION OF UIC BENEFITS

**Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition on behalf of several hundred constituents in my riding. It is with respect