

and the other parties, and I hope that it can be satisfactorily resolved.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BILL C-72

REVISED REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Asiniboia): Mr. Speaker, on Monday of this week I had the honour to table the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-72. It has been necessary to table the report again because an amendment which had been defeated in committee was inadvertently included in the report.

Therefore, at this time, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the revised report of the legislative committee on Bill C-72, an Act to establish the Canadian Polar Commission and to amend certain acts in consequence thereof, with amendments.

Mr. Speaker, once again I wish to compliment members on all sides who participated in the deliberations of that committee and thank them for their consideration and their expeditious handling of the deliberations of the legislative committee.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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POINT OF ORDER

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BILL C-79

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Yesterday the House at the stage of tabling reports from committees was given a report from the special committee on Bill C-79, which studied the amendments to the Parliament of Canada Act. Those amendments were in seriatim form. They were not in the bill and the bill has only been available to members since noon today. I have a copy in my hands right now.

We all know that according to our Standing Orders, if the government called this bill tomorrow, we only have until about six o'clock tonight to table amendments. I wonder if we could get unanimous consent, Mr. Speaker,

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to extend Standing Order 76(2) to 72 hours instead of 48 hours to give all members a chance to read this bill and to possibly bring amendments before the government calls the bill.

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Certainly I agree with that suggestion and would be willing to give the opposition House leader my commitment. I will not call it until there is agreement of all three party House leaders.

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I want to say I appreciate those comments by the government House leader. I think it is important that we negotiate a satisfactory conclusion of that legislation. I think the proposal put forward by my hon. friend is a good one.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The Chair takes note of the consensus among the three House leaders.

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[English]

PETITIONS

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to once again have an opportunity to present a petition on behalf of a number of constituents from Kamloops, Clearwater, Barriere, Logan Lake and Chase in British Columbia who are concerned that the government is going to tax literature. I know most of us are distressed at this fact. It will make Canada the only country in the world to place a special tax on reading material. The petitioners feel that this is regressive and I suspect we feel that as well. They ask the government to reconsider taxing literature.

• (1520)

On another topic, Mr. Speaker, and on behalf of a number of constituents from the city of Kamloops who are almost at the point of depression that the government, in spite of 80 per cent of Canadians indicating opposition to the goods and services tax, is continuing to ram this brutal, cruel, mean-spirited tax through. They are asking the government to come to its senses, back off, listen to the people of Canada and introduce real, thorough, fair tax reform instead.