

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, August 18, 1988

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to the 13 petitions numbered as follows: 332-4851 to 331-4855 inclusive, 332-4884 to 332-4888 inclusive, 332-5001, 332-5002, and 332-5031.

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

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[English]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

STATUS OF DISABLED PERSONS—FIRST REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Patrick Boyer (Etobicoke—Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour this morning to present to the House, in both official languages, the first report of the Standing Committee on the Status of Disabled Persons. This report is entitled "No News is Bad News", *et en français*, "*Pas de nouvelles, mauvaises nouvelles*".

In accordance with Standing Order 99(2), our committee requests a comprehensive response from the Government to this report.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Patrick Crofton (Esquimalt—Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the second report of the Standing Committee on National Defence.

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

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-316, an Act to amend the Export Development Act (commercial credits).

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Member shall have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the courtesy of the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon) in seconding my motion in the absence of my colleagues.

• (1110)

This is a Bill designed to amend the Export Development Act, to provide for new commercial credits that would be given to Third World countries. The Export Development Corporation would act as a broker for the sale and exchange of commodities from Third World countries. The funds that would be gathered from such sales could then be used for purchases of Canadian products by those Third World countries in Canada. It is an attempt to provide a way of diversifying trade for Canada around the world and to provide direct assistance to Third World and underdeveloped countries in the sale of their commodities.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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POINT OF ORDER

TENTH REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCRUTINY OF REGULATIONS

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, we were anticipating that the House of Commons co-chairman of the Standing Joint Committee on Scrutiny of Regulations would move concurrence in the committee's tenth report. It is our understanding that it deals with the independence of the judiciary and a decision made by the committee.

I do not know if there is another agent in the Chamber who would like to move that motion, but the Government would certainly be willing to concur in it if someone wanted to move it.