

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 16, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL—TABLING OF GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO FIRST REPORT

Mr. François Gérin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 67(2), I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Government's interim response to the First Report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General.

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[English]

ORDERS IN COUNCIL

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS—GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I am tabling today Orders in Council made since the Government's last tabling before the summer adjournment. There has been a slight delay in the tabling only because we had to await yesterday's motion which named Members to the standing committees and which in turn enabled the organization meetings of those committees.

As the Government House Leader indicated to a Member opposite, the Hon. Member for Vancouver—Kingsway (Mr. Waddell), I believe, who sought information on the status of these Orders a few days ago, once they are tabled the 30-day countdown for the committee to which they are referred begins. The Government did not wish to disadvantage any of the committees that way so we awaited the passage of yesterday's motion on committees before we tabled them.

I would like to thank Hon. Members opposite for raising this point and for their understanding on it.

PETITIONS

OBJECTION TO INCREASED TAXATION AND REDUCED GOVERNMENT SPENDING PROGRAMS

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, I consider it my duty to present a petition duly certified and signed by about 110 Niagara residents, most of whom reside in the riding of St. Catharines. The petitioners wish to record their objection to increased taxation and the reduced government spending programs implemented by this Government in its fight against increased deficit spending.

CALL FOR TIGHTENING OF IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions this morning. The first petition calls for the tightening of immigration regulations because of the admission of 155 Tamil boat people into Canada.

LIFTING OF SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, the second petition asks Parliament to revoke all sanctions against South Africa.

REVITALIZATION OF VIA RAIL

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition signed by a number of residents of the ridings of Thunder Bay—Atikokan and Thunder Bay—Nipigon who call upon the Government of Canada and the House to implement a revitalization of VIA Rail and to ensure that the necessary rolling stock for the transcontinental trains are ordered and that the contracts go to the Can-Car Rail facility in Thunder Bay to ensure continuation of employment.

CALL FOR START OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANADIANS

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition duly certified by the Clerk of Petitions which calls on the Parliament of Canada to deal honourably with Canadian citizens of Japanese descent by entering into negotiations immediately with the National Association of Japanese Canadians. The petitioners note that the NAJC is the only national organization which has dealt with these citizens and has developed a position on redress, and they call upon Parliament, therefore, to negotiate this. The petition comes from residents of Toronto and Ottawa and from some residents of the Vancouver area of British Columbia.