

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 27, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Doug Lewis (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 Petitions Nos. 332-1613, 332-1614, 332-1622, 332-1623, 332-1628 to 332-1646 inclusive, 332-1650, 332-1651, 332-1656 to 332-1659 inclusive, 332-1661, 332-1664 to 332-1669 inclusive, 332-1671 to 332-1673 inclusive and 332-1676 to 332-1680 inclusive.

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[*English*]

INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF DELEGATION TO POLISH PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC

Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 101, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the Canadian parliamentary delegation which paid an official visit to the Polish People's Republic from March 14 to March 19, 1987.

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TRANSPORT

PRESENTATION OF FIRST AND SECOND REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Darryl L. Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the first report of the Standing Committee on Transport concerning Bill C-18,

an Act respecting national transportation, with amendments, in both official languages.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Darryl L. Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling, in both official languages, the Second Report on Bill C-19, an Act respecting motor vehicle transport by extra-provincial undertakings.

[*Editor's Note: For above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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[*English*]

PETITIONS

OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO PATENT ACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 106, concerning the Government's intention to move to complete the debate on amendments to the Patent Act concerning prescription drugs.

The petitioners from Port Alberni, Gibsons Landing, Sechelt, Prince Rupert, Pritchard, Kamloops and Barrière, British Columbia, are concerned that the changes to the Patent Act will result in a significant increase in drug prices for the Canadian consumer who requires prescription drugs.

Therefore they are asking the Government at this late moment to reconsider what it is doing and to cease proceeding with this legislation. They register the fact that they believe that this is part of a whole set of Canadian government concessions to the United States at the expense of average Canadians in the free trade negotiations. They are deeply concerned regarding this critical matter.

RIGHT TO LIFE OF UNBORN BABIES—PROTECTION OF CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I too have a petition to present signed by 373 residents of the national capital region from the cities of Ottawa, Nepean, Kanata and Gloucester. This petition is on behalf of the Coalition for Life which is located in Ottawa.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to support Private Members' Motion M-37 which is now before the House which would allow unborn babies protection under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.