

to chair, saw fit, Mr. Speaker, to make the House very happy and to get a nice smile from Your Honour by informing the House that we had the honour of voting your Estimates. You are all right, Mr. Speaker, until March 31, 1989.

I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Estimates of the committee.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair of course would want to express its appreciation to the Hon. Member for Saint Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) and to all members of the committee, and to again thank the committee for its warm and courteous reception just the other day.

ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES—NINTH REPORT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the ninth report of the Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources, in both official languages. The committee has reviewed the Estimates that are under its jurisdiction and has voted them in. It is a pleasure to present this report.

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

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

REVISED EDITION OF STANDING ORDERS

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Madam Speaker, I have a motion which has been discussed with the other Party House Leaders. I think Your Honour will find that there is consent to receive the motion and to put it immediately. I move:

That the Clerk of the House be authorized to re-order and renumber the Standing Orders, and after consultations with and concurrence of a staff member designated by the House Leader of each Party, to print a revised edition of the Standing Orders and to make such changes as may be required to the *Order Paper and Notices*.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Ouellet: What is that?

Mr. Nystrom: The Hon. Member for Papineau said, "What is that?"

[*English*]

What has happened is that there has been a House Leaders' agreement to put the Standing Orders in a more clear fashion in a book. That was agreed to unanimously by the House Leaders, which is what I wanted to say publicly.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The House has heard the terms of the motion presented by the Minister of State (Mr. Lewis). Is there unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Order Paper Questions

Motion agreed to.

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PETITION

VICKERS HEIGHTS POST OFFICE

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Madam Speaker, I have a group of petitions to table this afternoon. They have been certified correct pursuant to Standing Order 106. They represent well over 50 per cent of the residents of the community of Vickers Heights, which is located within the City of Thunder Bay.

These residents signed the petition because of their concern over the future of their small post office. They point out that a meeting called by Canada Post to review the options with the residents of the area was a complete sham, and that Canada Post refused to review the option overwhelmingly supported by the residents, that is, to retain the post office.

They call upon Parliament to demand that Canada Post retain Vickers Heights Post Office as requested by the residents, and that it review all options in its consultation with residents and stop patronizing residents with the arrogant and hypocritical approach it takes at present.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 323 and 333.

[*Text*]

SANTA CLAUS LETTER WRITING PROGRAM

Question No. 323—**Mr. Daubney:**

In (a) 1984 (b) 1985 (c) 1986 (d) 1987 did volunteer Canada Post employees respond to children's letters written to Santa Claus and, if so, what number of responses was sent out?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. Yes.

2. Prior to 1982, letters from Ole' Saint Nick were ingeniously crafted by a wide cross-section of CPC volunteers from across the country. In 1982, Canada Post Corporation introduced the annual Santa Letter Writing Program which is actively supported by both current and retired employees of Canada Post, senior citizen groups and various community associations. Together this national team of volunteers answers thousands of letters from children in Canada and around the world.