Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh! Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

TELESAT CANADA

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table in two official languages the annual report of Telesat Canada pursuant to Standing Order 32.

[Translation]

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

TABLING OF ANNUAL REPORT

Hon. Monique Landry (Minister for External Relations): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32, I am pleased to table two copies of the annual report of the Canadian International Development Agency for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1988, in both official languages.

[English]

ELECTIONS, PRIVILEGES, PROCEDURE AND PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF FIRST REPORT

Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver): Mr. Speaker, I am in a bit of a dilemma here. I have a report to present, but I am under instructions from this all-party, non-partisan committee to do it with some pizzazz. Until such time as I can determine how to bring in a brass band with rockets, flares, dignity and decorum, I am not sure I can carry out the wishes of the committee.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Cook: Therefore, sir, I have the honour to present the first report of the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges, Procedures and Private Member's Business. I will present it to the clerk with some flair.

Petitions

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh! Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear! [Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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PETITIONS

MORATORIUM ON HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to present a petition on behalf of a number of British Columbians who point out the high unavoidable risks of a catastrophic oil spill associated with off-shore oil drilling. They indicate that the small oil spill washing up on the West Coast of Vancouver Island right now demonstrates just what a catastrophe a large oil spill would create if one occurred.

The petitioners are calling upon the Government of Canada to encourage that the current moratorium continue on all hydrocarbon exploration and development activities in the coastal waters of British Columbia.

I have a second petition from British Columbians. They point out that the South Moresby Park Agreement that was signed by the Government committed itself to spending \$20 million or more to explore for minerals and hydrocarbons in the first national marine park. The petitioners believe that this is unacceptable. It would create a precedent that renders the whole concept of park creation meaningless.

The petitioners have asked the Government of Canada and Parliament that hydrocarbon exploration activities do not take place in British Columbia's coastal waters and they do not want the Government to be paying for such activities.

HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT – ALTERNATE USE OF FUNDS

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the same Standing Order to present two petitions signed by persons in the Vancouver-Victoria area of British Columbia who are extremely concerned about the growing number of oil spills off the West Coast of Canada due to the tanker traffic.

They call on the Government to no longer continue to finance any kind of hydrocarbon exploration and associated activities in those coastal waters. The want the Governments of British Columbia and Canada to pursue alternate sources of energy. I have two petitions signed here under the Standing Order.