

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

WATER PATROL UNITS

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. The RCMP has cancelled its' water patrol units. The water patrol units of the RCMP have been responsible for patrolling and for matters relating to the Shipping Act and the Migratory Birds Convention Act. It is the only agency patrolling for water safety and has been responsible for uncovering a great deal of illegal drugs coming into Canada, a racket which now amounts to \$10 billion a year. In light of the good work these units have done, why has the Government disbanded them?

Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for the question and for bringing to the attention of the House the good work of these units. I would like to take notice of the question and have the Solicitor General respond to it when he returns.

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TAX REFORM

INTERIM SALES TAX CHANGES

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. There were press reports earlier this week indicating that he may be shelving the interim sales tax measure that was announced last February. Such a move, of course, would create a cloud of uncertainty for tax professionals and business people. What are the Minister's intentions in this regard?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, over the course of the few months since we did release those proposals on the interim sales tax changes, we have had considerable consultations and discussions with members of the private sector, tax professionals and others who do have an interest in this particular issue. On the basis of these consultations, we are proposing to make some technical changes which will make the proposals more workable. I would expect to be introducing legislation into the House, based on these technical revisions that I have referred to, some time in the next little while.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr.

Order Paper Questions

Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to six petitions numbered as follows: 332-4756, 332-4848, 332-4900, 332-4938, 332-5007 and 332-5014.

(Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.)

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[English]

HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION PROTECTION ACT

PRESENTATION OF REVISED REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Jennifer Cossitt (Leeds—Grenville): Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the legislative committee on Bill C-205, an Act to protect heritage railway stations, I have the honour to present a revised report on Bill C-205 to the House with amendments.

(Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.)

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PETITION

PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

Mr. Brian White (Dauphin—Swan River): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured today to present a petition from several hundred people representing many towns in Manitoba who are concerned that as a result of the Supreme Court decision, the unborn in Canada have no protection currently under Canadian law. They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact legislation to protect the life of the child from conception until birth.

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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): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 344 and 367.

[Text]

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WORKING IN VANIER, ONT.

Question No. 344—**Mr. Gauthier:**

Are there employees of the Government now working in Vanier, Ontario and, if so (a) in which departments or agencies are they employed (b) for each department or agency, what is the number of employees?

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): I am