

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COMMITTEE ON BILL C-21

Mr. Marcel Tremblay (Québec East): Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Legislative Committee on Bill C-21, to exempt certain shipping conference practices from the provisions of the Competition Act, to repeal the Shipping Conferences Exemption Act, 1979 and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, I have the honour to report the Bill with an amendment.

I take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, to thank all members of the committee for their participation and their interest in that matter, specially the technical staff, and the clerk of the committee whose work is so valuable yet often away from the limelight.

[English]

FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS—NINTH REPORT OF
STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the ninth report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs in relation to Bill C-56, an Act to amend certain Acts relating to financial institutions.

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

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-72, an Act respecting the status and use of the Official Languages of Canada.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that the Hon. Minister shall have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[Translation]

INDIAN LANDS AGREEMENT (1986) ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Hees (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-73, an Act to provide for the implementation of an agreement respecting Indian lands in Ontario.

Petitions

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[English]

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I have suggested this before to four of Your Honour's predecessors, and I will now suggest it to you. Is there not some way to avoid the Chair having to read off a lengthy list every day and just say something to the effect, "Shall all the motions as shown on today's Order Paper stand?" and let it go at that?

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I agree whole-heartedly with my friend. It would seem to me that, perhaps over the summer, some consideration could be given to this matter to incorporate exactly what the Hon. Member has said into our procedures. In this way business would flow more smoothly. It would not look as if Hon. Members were being dilatory by not being here to present their motions.

Mr. Speaker: I very much appreciate the comments of the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin) and the comments of the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary. I take it that there is a general disposition in the House at this time that the Speaker should proceed to find a more expeditious way of carrying out this item of Routine Proceedings. I am very grateful to Hon. Members, and I will do that.

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PETITIONS

TRANSPORTATION—ECONOMIC REGULATORY REFORM

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have the duty and honour to present two petitions. The first is from citizens of Thunder Bay who hope that it is not too late.

They state in their petition that Bill C-18 will create unnecessary chaos in the transportation industry leading to unacceptable reductions in safety standards as well as a deterioration in the quality, type and frequency of service. They request that the Parliament of Canada withdraw Bill C-18 and retain public convenience and necessity as a fundamental factor in the development of public transportation policy.