

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, October 1, 1987

The House met at 11 a.m.

Prayers

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*English*]

COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

BILL C-46—PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-46, an Act to amend the Royal Canadian Mint Act and the Currency Act.

[*Translation*]

BILL S-10—PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the legislative committee on Bill S-10, an Act to revive Yellowknife Electric Ltd. and to provide for its continuance under the Canada Business Corporations Act.

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

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[*English*]

PETITIONS

FERMI II NUCLEAR REACTOR—REVIEW PROCESS

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition to present in the continuing series which I have been bringing to the House dealing with the very serious dangers to this country which are represented by the Fermi II nuclear plant in Munroe, Michigan. This plant is 10 kilometres from the border of my constituency.

In this petition 250 residents of towns such as Amherstberg and Malton have pointed out the extended length of time it has taken to get this facility even close to operating capacity. They have pointed out the serious accident record which the facility has. They have suggested very strongly that the Government of Canada must intervene in order to ensure that a safe review process is established by neutral parties to ensure that there is not a danger established by the reactor moving to full capacity without such a review.

[*Translation*]

OPPOSITION TO TAX ON FOOD

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, as the next petition in the series I have been tabling in the House for the last four or five weeks, I am pleased to table one signed by the residents of two senior citizens' homes in my riding located at 255 Donald and 800 Saint-Laurent, which reads as follows:

Whereas since September 1984 the federal Government has imposed on Canadian taxpayers 25 new taxes or tax increases, in particular on medical and dental supplies, snack foods, candies and soft drinks;

Whereas the federal Government in its tax reform proposal is studying the possibility of imposing on Canadians a general tax on goods and services, including food;

Whereas food constitutes a vital element in day-to-day life, and whereas the imposition of this tax would have the effect of seriously penalizing certain categories of taxpayers such as the aged, families, the unemployed, low-income taxpayers, youth, and so on;

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to reject all measures that would have the effect of imposing a sales tax on food products.

[*English*]

OPPOSITION TO PURCHASE OF NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and privilege to present a petition signed mainly by residents of Saltspring Island in British Columbia who are concerned about the great danger of accidents while nuclear armed and/or powered ships are in Canadian ports. They point to the threat which this poses to the environment and to Canadian citizens. They call upon the House of Commons not to purchase nuclear powered submarines for Canada.