

Routine Proceedings

Businesses Loans Act and another act in consequence thereof, with an amendment.

This is a most important piece of legislation. All parties support it. The size of the loans is going to be increased for small businesses from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Companies with revenues now of up to \$5 million will qualify and we really hope that the banks of this country support and use this important piece of legislation to help small businesses which create over 80 per cent of the jobs in Canada.

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[Translation]

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

11TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the 11th report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The report also mentions the committee's trip to London with the Auditor General of Canada, from November 1 to November 5, 1992. The committee sought information on British public service reform, information to Parliament, program evaluation and financial control of assistance to developing countries.

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

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[English]

CRIMINAL CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-409, an act to amend the Criminal Code (threats and intimidation).

Madam Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Ms. Black: Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce my private member's bill entitled an act to amend the Criminal Code (threats and intimidation).

• (1535)

This bill will pull together all the current provisions of our Criminal Code which could apply to stalking, puts them in the context of violence against women, and strengthens them.

I have examined the anti-stalking laws in the U.S. very carefully. I have introduced some of these principles and tailored my amendments to Canadian law and the Canadian reality.

In 1991, 120 Canadian women died at the hand of their male partner or ex-partner. Most often these murders were preceded by threats, intimidation and stalking. This must be stopped.

My bill is a step in that direction and I ask for the support, in fact I expect the support of all members of this House.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Ms. Black moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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[Translation]

JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

AUTHORIZATION FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons) moved:

That eight members and two staff persons of the Standing Committee on Justice and the Solicitor General be authorized to travel to Toronto from March 10 to March 12, 1993 to participate in the symposium on crime prevention.

[English]

Motion agreed to.