

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 22, 1986

The House met at 11 a.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

PETITIONS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the Government's response to petitions Nos. 331-45, 331-88, 331-360 and 331-391.

[English]

RESTORATION OF TWICE DAILY MAIL DELIVERY—FLORENCE,
N.S.

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition from the people of Florence, Nova Scotia which calls upon the Government to force Canada Post to restore twice-a-day postal delivery service to the Florence, Nova Scotia post office.

ASSESSMENT OF CN MAINTENANCE FACILITIES—MONCTON
SHOPS

Mr. Dennis H. Cochrane (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, once again I have the honour and privilege to present a petition which has been duly certified by the Clerk of Petitions. It is signed by residents of southeastern New Brunswick and expresses their concern with regard to the Canadian National shops in Moncton and the effect that the current assessment being conducted by CN may have upon that facility.

There is a group in town today which is also in support of this petition. I am pleased to present the petition to the House at this time.

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Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Speaker, I have had some discussion with Members opposite and one of the reports which follows the one on which I would like to move concurrence today is urgent. Therefore, I am prepared, if Your Honour would so allow, to have the motion precede my own.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member is seeking the unanimous consent of the House to stand his motion for the moment. The Chair accepts that. The Hon. Member for Ontario (Mr. Fennell).

STRIKING COMMITTEE

CONCURRENCE IN THIRTIETH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I move that the thirtieth report of the Striking Committee tabled in the House on April 18 be concurred in.

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

CONCURRENCE IN SIXTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, I move that the sixth report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments presented to the House on Wednesday, April 16, 1986, be concurred in. As Joint Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments, I am pleased to ask for the concurrence of this report of the committee.

The purpose of the report is to draw to the attention of the House certain amendments to the regulations governing the Canadian Home Insulation Program, amendments which, in the view of the joint committee, were not authorized by the enabling legislation and which resulted in considerable unfairness to Canadians.

Before I deal with the report at greater length, I would like to comment briefly on a reply of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney) given last Friday to a question by the Hon. Member for Ottawa—Vanier (Mr. Gauthier). In her reply the Minister stated that the report of the joint committee was:

—based on misleading and inaccurate analyses of the situation.

The Minister went on to state that criticisms by the committee were directed at measures which she said were announced by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) on November 8 on behalf of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. de Cotret). Finally, the Minister questioned the correctness of the committee's conclusion that some homeowners were