

Routine Proceedings

Mr. Wilbee: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this bill is quite simple. It is to allow Canadian electors who are out of the country for an extended period of time, such as government employees or employees who are working for large companies, to take part in elections. They continue to be Canadian taxpayers and many of them want to take part in elections. At the present time, there is no system for them to vote.

This arose out of a letter from a constituent who was in Europe during the last federal election who wanted to vote but could not. He was ineligible for a proxy vote. The purpose of this bill is to remedy that situation.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Mr. Wilbee 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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HOUSE OF COMMONS

PARLIAMENTARY CHANNEL PRIORITY

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I move:

That notwithstanding the report of the Standing Committee on Elections, Privileges, Procedures and Private Members' Business, concurred in by the House on October 20, 1989, the following will be the order of priority for access to the parliamentary channel during the mandate of the Special Joint Committee on the Government of Canada's proposals for a renewed Canada: 1. House of Commons proceedings live. 2. Replay of statements under Standing Order 30(1) and of Question Period. 3. Proceedings of the Special Joint Committee live where it is technically feasible. 4. The replay of the proceedings of the Special Joint Committee. 5. The replay of the House proceedings or portion thereof beginning with Question Period. 6. The weekend replay of the previous week's proceedings of the Special Joint Committee.

[Translation]

Mr. Lapierre: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The hon. member for Shefford on a point of order.

Mr. Lapierre: Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the parliamentary secretary for giving us a copy of this motion. Unfortunately, his leader, the Prime Minister, did not proceed with the same courtesy. I think that

television, televising a circus like the one ahead of us now—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Order, please. Does the House give unanimous consent for the motion moved by the hon. parliamentary secretary?

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): There is no unanimous consent.

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[English]

PETITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure pursuant to Standing Order 36 to bring forward a petition from residents in my constituency concerning Bill C-21. They request that all parents, either biological or adoptive, receive the same pay leave under the necessary legislation.

[Translation]

CANADA LABOUR CODE

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from people in Launay, Guyenne, Villemontel, Authier, Lac Berry and Languedoc, in Abitibi, who humbly ask the House of Commons to consider the possibility of preventive withdrawal for pregnant women as a desirable and necessary option for working women.

For these reasons, the petitioners humbly ask Parliament, when it reviews the Canada Labour Code, to consider seriously the shortcomings in it and to recognize the need to include in the Code clauses concerning preventive withdrawal for pregnant women, with pay, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Réginald Bélair (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of 190 residents of my riding of Cochrane—Superior, more specifically from the towns of Kapuskasing, Moonbeam, Val Rita, Hearst, Hornepayne, Smooth Rock Falls, Mattice and Fauquier, Ontario.