

Since Ukraine is a founding member of the United Nations they pray that Parliament urges as the Government of Canada to give genuine support to the people of the Ukraine by officially recognizing Ukraine's independence and establishing full diplomatic relations with the government and people of the Ukraine immediately following a positive confirmation vote in Ukraine's referendum on December 1, 1991.

NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 36, on behalf of residents of Darfield, Heffley Creek, McClure, Barrière and Lewis Creek, British Columbia.

They point out their very serious concern regarding the intention of a particular company to dam the North Thompson River at Vavenby, British Columbia, in an effort to divert water to sell in California.

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They point out that this is one of the many United States proposals to divert Canadian rivers into the United States and northern Mexico. They ask that the Canadian government simply indicate clearly to the United States that Canada's rivers are not for sale.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): I have another petition, Mr. Speaker, primarily from the residents of Kamloops.

The petitioners point out that the RCMP is being severely restricted in terms of its budgeting from all levels of government. They are concerned about the increasing perception that the RCMP is unable to fulfil its mandate as we would expect.

They are asking, particularly in this case, that the federal government restore adequate funding to the RCMP to enable it to fulfil its mandate and role as the only visible police force for many communities across British Columbia.

Government Orders

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Shall all questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Tuesday, November 26, consideration of Bill C-28, an act respecting insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies, as reported with amendments by the Standing Committee on Finance.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): According to the Speaker's ruling made yesterday we will debate Motion No. A.

Hon. Gilles Loiselle (President of the Treasury Board and Minister of State (Finance)) moved:

Motion No. A

That Bill C-28 be amended in Clause 2 by striking out line 2 on page 2 and substituting the following:

"business under section 362, as applied by subsection 656(1), or subsection 656(3);"

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, this is a very technical amendment to clause 2 of the bill because of changes made in the committee. It just happens to be one of those things that was missed at the finance committee when we were straightening this bill up when we had the bill before us. It is a technical matter and ought to be moved ahead without debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.