

Petitions

regarding the footwear industry within two months, can the minister confirm the truth of this rumour and that one of his departments will be announcing new measures within two months?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I have already announced that the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board will have \$17 million to help finance the modernization of the footwear industry, and also \$250 million for the purpose of restructuring the clothing and textile industry. So the rumour has, in fact, already been confirmed, Madam Speaker.

INQUIRY WHETHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE
MADE BY MINISTER

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary. I am sorry, but the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce will have to have a talk with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, because last weekend in Trois-Rivières, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, to cheer up his Liberal supporters about the economy, said at a press conference that in two months the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board would be making some important statements on the footwear industry. So I would like to ask once again—or perhaps the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources could have a little talk with the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, since it seems they are not quite in agreement with each other, so I would ask the minister a second time whether the statement by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources is to be taken at face value, or was the minister merely trying to make some political hay with his Liberal supporters?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, statements made by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources are always worth while. I will have to check with the minister what he actually meant and said, but I can confirm that we have already announced sizeable funds for the footwear industry and we are reviewing and considering proposals that were submitted by the footwear industry to our colleagues in the Quebec caucus.

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[English]

PETITION

MR. HALLIDAY—POLAND—IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the Table the one hundred and eighty-sixth report of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Oxford (Mr. Halliday) on Monday, March 22,

1982, and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, may I direct a question to the government House leader and ask him what business the House will be dealing with tomorrow, Thursday and Friday. Could he also give us an indication, as far as he can, what business the House will be dealing with next week?

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I can deal with the business until Friday. Today and tomorrow we will be dealing with second reading stage of Bill C-97. Thursday will be the last allotted day in this period of supply. Even if the last day under the rules is March 26, we can choose an earlier date. Therefore, this coming Thursday will be the last allotted day in this period of supply.

In so far as Friday and next week are concerned, I intend to have a House leaders' meeting as usual tomorrow or Thursday, and we will discuss that.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, may I address one further question to the government House leader and ask him whether he has received any indication from Her Majesty with respect to the possibility of her attending in Canada to participate in any ceremonies that might be planned in connection with the patriation of the Constitution?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I have no royal news to communicate to anyone whatsoever today.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITION

MR. GREENAWAY—MOUNT CURRIE, B.C.—REQUIREMENT FOR
NEW SCHOOL

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition signed by 198 students and friends of students at the Ts'zil School of the Lil'wat Nation in Mount Currie, B.C. It will be noted that there are in excess of 200 students attending the school at the present time.

The purpose of this petition is to alert the Parliament of Canada to the grave danger the students are subjected to each day they attend school. This old school has been condemned three times; it is a fire hazard, it has leaky roofs and is located dangerously close to a frequently used railway line.

The nature of the petition is to demand the immediate commencement of construction of a new school in order that it