

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, March 30, 1995

The House met at 10 a.m.

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*Prayers*

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

### GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36(8), I have the honour to table, in both official languages, the government's response to 19 petitions.

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[*English*]

### CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

**Mr. Ian McClelland (Edmonton Southwest, Ref.)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-319, an act to amend the Canada Elections Act (reimbursement of election expenses).

He said: Madam Speaker, the intent of this bill is to amend the Canada Elections Act so that registered political parties would not receive reimbursement unless they met two thresholds. At present, the threshold is to have spent 10 per cent of the allowable election expenses. This bill would add another hurdle, that the party would have had to garner 2 per cent of the total votes cast as well as having spent 10 per cent.

(Motions deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

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### CRIMINAL CODE

On the order: Private Members' Business

Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of Bill C-303, an act to amend the Criminal Code (dangerous intoxication).

**Mr. Ian McClelland (Edmonton Southwest, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, I would ask for unanimous consent of the House to withdraw Bill C-303 which was the bill similar to the government's Bill C-72 on self-induced intoxication. Our party is

firmly in support of the government's Bill C-72 and we do not need to debate this bill.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu):** Is that agreed?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

(Order discharged and bill withdrawn.)

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## PETITIONS

### DANGEROUS OFFENDERS

**Mrs. Jan Brown (Calgary Southeast, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, I rise again to present another petition in this course of action undertaken on behalf of constituents who wish to halt the early release from prison of Robert Paul Thompson.

The petitioners I represent are concerned about making our streets safer for our citizens. They are opposed to the current practice of early release of violent offenders prior to serving the full extent of their sentences.

The petitioners pray that our streets will be made safer for law-abiding citizens and the families of the victims of convicted murderers.

### TAXATION

**Mr. Garry Breitkreuz (Yorkton—Melville, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, it gives me great pleasure this morning to present a petition on behalf of the constituents in my riding of Yorkton—Melville.

In light of the fact that the Saskatchewan government is on the verge of balancing its budget and allowing Saskatchewan taxpayers to see the light at the end of the tunnel, they request that Parliament reduce government spending instead of increasing taxes.

I have 18 petitions like this one. I will not go through all of them as they are all very similar. I chose one which was representative of the entire group.

[*Translation*]

### VOICE MAIL

**Mr. Bernard St-Laurent (Manicouagan, BQ):** Madam Speaker, this morning, I have the pleasure of tabling in this House a petition signed by some 160 seniors criticizing the government for installing a voice mail system.