

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, March 29, 1988

The House met at 11 a.m.

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO ELEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 99(2), I have the honour to lay upon the table copies in both official languages of the Government's response to recommendations 16, 18 and 29 of the Eleventh Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

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### BRETTON WOODS AND RELATED AGREEMENTS ACT

TABLING OF 1987 REPORT ON OPERATIONS

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 67(2), I have the honour to lay upon the table copies in both official languages of the report on operations under the Bretton Woods and Related Agreements Act, 1987.

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### NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION (SHARE ISSUANCE AND SALE AUTHORIZATION) ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

**Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-125, an Act to enable the Northern Canada Power Commission to issue shares, to authorize the sale of those shares to the Government of the Northwest Territories, to repeal the Northern Canada Power Commission Act and to provide for related matters.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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### PETITIONS

CREE-NASKAPI ACT—REQUEST FOR REFERENCE OF REPORT TO COMMITTEE

**Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition, duly certified, which deals with the implementation of the Cree-Naskapi Act. The Cree-Naskapi Act was a piece of legislation which flowed from the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. Part XII of the Act created a commission and this commission is required to report to the Minister of Indian Affairs (Mr. McKnight) every two years on the implementation of the Act.

The first such report was tabled before Parliament March 12, 1986. The report contained a number of serious condemnations of the administration by the Department of Indian Affairs of the Cree community operations and maintenance subsidies.

Therefore, the petitioners call upon Parliament to have the said report referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts so that the committee may inquire into the situation and recommend ways to resolve it.

PROPOSED FREE TRADE

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106. The petitioners are very concerned that the trade deal agreed to between Canada and the United States would have a fundamental impact on Canada's economic, cultural and political independence.

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They believe the agreement means a loss of jobs in many sectors of the economy and many regions of Canada. Therefore, they ask that Parliament dissolve in order to have a national debate on the alternatives available to Canada, and that the debate result in a national election prior to the signing of any such agreement.