

offices and to keep the post offices open in Briercrest and other rural communities.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Meritt): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise under Standing Order 36 to present a petition on behalf of various people in British Columbia.

The concern here is that the federal government is either cutting back on policing or adding additional cost to the tax base of municipalities to come up with extra money for policing.

These people in British Columbia have stated that the federal government is uncompromising in its negotiations with its provincial counterparts by maintaining that their share of funding will be reduced as of March 31, 1991, resulting in additional cost to the taxpayers and municipalities.

The petitioners are urging the government to consider restoring proper funding to the RCMP so that it will fulfil its mandate and role as the only visible police force for communities across British Columbia and remain as a viable symbol of Canadian unity.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, the petitioners on this petition, through me and through Standing Order 36, want to draw to the attention of this House that many Canadians feel that Marie Sklodowska Curie, a servant of mankind, a scientist whom fame could not corrupt, should be honoured by Canada as she has been honoured by many different countries of the world for her discovery of radium.

There is an organization in Canada using her name to honour her contribution to mankind and to Canadians. It will be very fitting. The petitioners call upon this Parliament to see that Canada strikes a commemorative stamp on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of her birth, which falls on November 7, 1992.

I might remind the House that it is when we celebrate 125 years of the birth of our country.

Speaker's Ruling

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.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

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 the notices of motions for the production of papers also be allowed to stand.

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: So ordered.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

REINSTATEMENT OF BILLS—SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: Yesterday morning a point of order was raised relating to Government Business No. 1 which concerns the reinstatement of certain bills from the Second Session. Yesterday afternoon, to accommodate a request from the three House leaders, I informed the House of the Chair's decision on the matter, undertaking to return to set in context that decision. I would like to do so briefly at this time.

[*Translation*]

I do not propose to restate the arguments which were presented yesterday but I would like to thank the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond, the hon. member for Kamloops, the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands, the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier, the hon. member for Annapolis Valley—Hants, the hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russel, the hon. member for Nickel Belt and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader.

[*English*]

Before looking at the terms of the motion itself, two concepts must be examined: the concept of prorogation