

Routine Proceedings

As I said, Mr. Speaker, it has been signed by many people, like Metri Dutchak in Canora, and you can go through the list and find people like Olga Rusnak in Yorkton and many, many others who have made a great contribution to this country who were celebrating the referendum results on Sunday along with a lot of others of us.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour for me this morning to present a petition on behalf of a number of citizens from Kamloops, British Columbia, who are concerned about the ability of the RCMP to fulfil its mandate.

In conversations they have commented on the increasing numbers of break and enters, minor petty crimes, and so on, just as a result of what they perceive to be the inability of the RCMP to do its job. They are calling upon the Government of Canada to ensure that proper funding for the RCMP exists to enable it to fulfil its mandate.

NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): On another issue, Mr. Speaker, a very important issue, the petitioners are from a variety of communities in British Columbia. They have heard the news that a Vancouver-based firm with contacts in California has announced its intention to proceed with a plan to dam the North Thompson River at Valemount, British Columbia, in an effort to divert water into the San Diego, California area.

Mr. Speaker, you will recall that this is part of the North American Water and Power Alliance Plan to divert Canadian rivers into the United States, either in whole or in part, and they call upon the Government of Canada to announce categorically that Canadian river water is not for sale.

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QUESTION ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 161 will be answered today.

[Text]

Question No. 161—**Mr. Stupich:**

For the election of November 21, 1988, in the constituency of Nanaimo—Cowichan, (a) how many voters whose names did not appear on the voter list actually voted under the provisions which allow rural voters to be sworn in on election day (b) is this number included in the total number of eligible voters listed in the report of the Chief Electoral Officer?

Right Hon. Charles Joseph Clark (President to the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister Responsible for Constitutional Affairs): (a) The information sought by the first part of this question is within the purview of subsection 196 (1) of the *Canada Elections Act*, which instructs the Chief Electoral Officer to retain election documents for at least one year if an election is not contested. As there was no contestation, the election documents requested were not kept. In consequence, it is not possible to reply accurately to the question.

(b) The report prepared by the Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to section 193 of the act contains the total number of electors and total votes cast. The number of electors who voted by being vouched for is included in the column Total votes but not in the column Electors on the list.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Question No. 161 has been answered.

Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 109 could be made an Order for Return, the return would be tabled immediately.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 109 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some hon. members: Agreed.