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elections, and to support these causes in the United Nations and all other international arenas.

CANADIAN RACE RELATIONS FOUNDATION

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present four petitions from people in Manitoba, Ontario and most of Quebec.

The Canadian Race Relations Foundation is one of the most essential components of any drive to eliminate racial discrimination in Canada.

The petitioners call on Parliament to urge the government to consider the advisability of establishing the Canadian Race Relations Foundation this fiscal year.

CONFEDERATION

Mr. Murray W. Dorin (Edmonton Northwest): Madam Speaker, I have a petition from Edmonton Kinsmen and Kinette club members indicating their support for the proud to be Canadian project during the celebration of the 125th anniversary of Confederation.

Unfortunately this petition could not be certified since it does not meet all the criteria, but as a kin member myself, I wanted the members of this House and the Canadian public to know of the strong kin support to nurture a positive life-long—

Madam Deputy Speaker: I have to call the member to order. It is quite unfair to rise under presenting petitions with a petition that has not been certified.

REFUGEES

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre): Madam Speaker, I have a petition signed by residents in the national capital region. These petitioners are calling on the government to step up its efforts when dealing with refugee cases.

Many of these refugees are suffering from personal and economic hardship and their future is undecided as they are awaiting the slow refugee process.

[Translation]

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on the same subject. Your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to urge the government to take special steps to deal with the refugee problem and to show some compassion. Thousands of people need the govern-

ment's compassion, and I hope the minister of immigration will respond with compassion to the thousands of very important cases that are still pending.

[English]

CAPITAL GAINS EXEMPTION

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Madam Speaker, I have a petition with 30 signatures from Nepean and area residents. The 1992-93 federal budget has eliminated the \$100,000 lifetime capital gains exemption on real estate purchased after February 1992 and restricted on real estate purchased before 1992. This capital gains exemption gave many middle-class Canadians an affordable means of investing their savings at a minimal cost to the government.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to reinstate the \$100,000 lifetime capital gains exemption on real estate.

THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, I am pleased especially today to be able to present a petition on behalf of 31 members of my riding who ask this Parliament to enact legislation providing for a referendum of the people related to constitutional amendments.

We just saw first reading of such a piece of legislation and to my constituents, I hope we have that in place sometime in the very near future.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Mr. Ross Belsher (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 236, 278 and 288.

[Text]

Question No. 236—**Mr. Caccia:**

Since the June 1990 announcement of the Minister of the Environment that cabinet policies would be subjected to an environmental impact assessment and that a public statement would be released, (a) which policies have been subjected to environmental impact assessments (b) who conducted each assessment (c) when and how was, or will, the public statement be released?