

Routine Proceedings

They ask that it be deferred, that there be consultation before a decision is made. I concur and I hope that the government will support these petitioners.

[*Translation*]

LANGUAGE USED ON RADIO AND TELEVISION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I have another petition in which the petitioners ask the Parliament of Canada to ensure that the CRTC carefully regulates the language used on radio and television programs.

They point out that on many occasions they have noted that the kind of language used is contrary to the efforts being made in homes throughout Canada.

They add that it is not necessary to use such language, which is a form of violence, and since we are very sensitive to violence in our society, there should be unanimous support for this proposal.

[*English*]

CHILD POVERTY

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions to present.

The first one is from a group of my constituents in the Portage district who petition the government to find ways to eliminate child poverty by the year 2000.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, I also have five other petitions, not uncommon to this House in recent times, about changing the Criminal Code so that the Young Offenders Act would be updated and the Juvenile Delinquent Act be amended to a lower maximum age of 13 years.

These petitions come from Portage la Prairie and surrounding communities and I present them to the House today.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions to present to the House today.

The first is from residents of Victoria, Sidney and the Gulf Islands. It is from concerned citizens who care about Canada losing a first class telephone system. That risk will increase if the CRTC accepts the proposal by Unitel and B.C. Rail to enter the telecommunications market.

The petitioners ask the government to consult with all affected parties, especially rural residents who risk substantially increased costs for telephone calls. I present that petition. It is a domestic issue.

THREE GORGES HYDRO PROJECT

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, the other issue on which I have a number of petitions to present to the House concerns something more distant.

It is the Three Gorges hydro project in China. These petitioners are from as far away as Toronto, Regina, Saskatchewan and all over Ontario. They ask the government to refuse to participate in or provide technical assistance, loans, grants, guarantees or subsidies in any form for any aspect of the Three Gorges dam project from this day on.

I urge the government to hear these petitioners and to act accordingly.

[*Translation*]

REQUEST FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table a petition from residents of Cadillac, stating that films depicting violence on television are dangerous and unacceptable because they encourage further violence.

It says that all toys that are an incentive to violent games are unacceptable and that production of such toys should be banned. Freedom of the press should be restricted when reporting acts of violence. The repeated reporting of acts of violence on all television channels and on radio may encourage similar acts of violence.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to pass legislation dealing with the above, to wipe out violence in our society, protect our children and guarantee everyone in this country a better quality of life.

[*English*]

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Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour to present a host of petitions with thousands of names from residents of Nipissing Band No. 10, Sudbury, Hamilton, Blue River, Harrison Lake, Penticton, Lewis Creek, Clearwater, North Bay, Courtenay, Toronto, Kenora, Yellowknife, Charlottetown, Sturgeon Falls, Garden Valley, Sioux Valley, Kingston, Sioux Lookout, Kamloops, Barriere, Mine Centre, Kipawa, Mission, Victoria and Saskatoon.