

*Petitions*

myself and the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet) representing 1,200 signatures from Vancouver and across the country.

The petitioners pray that the Canadian Government exercise leadership in furthering the long-term development in Ethiopian response to a heart-rending famine, and also calling upon the Canadian Government to spearhead an international development and peace initiative for the immediate cessation of hostilities and the internal violence in Ethiopia.

**Mr. Speaker:** With the consent of the House, I would like to revert back to the Hon. Member for Ontario (Mr. Fennell).

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**STRIKING COMMITTEE**

## CONCURRENCE IN FIFTY-EIGHTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario):** My apologies, Mr. Speaker, I thought there was a slight error and I brought it to the attention of the Table.

If the House gives its consent, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Lévis (Mr. Fontaine) that the fifty-eighth report of the Striking Committee presented to the House earlier this day be concurred in.

**Mr. Speaker:** Does the Hon. Member have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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## CALL FOR GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE IN ETHIOPIA

**Ms. Carole Jacques (Montreal—Mercier):** Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to table in the House today a petition signed by more than 1,300 Canadians who are asking the Government to propose a plan for international development and peace in Ethiopia, including an immediate ceasefire, and to take the necessary measures to put a stop to the famine that threatens the people of Ethiopia.

[*English*]

## CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honour to present a petition pursuant to

Standing Order 106 on behalf of a number of constituents who are very concerned about the Government's trade deal with the United States. The petitioners believe that the United States trade deal would have a fundamental impact on Canada's economic, cultural, and political independence. They believe that the trade deal will result in a massive loss of jobs, not only in many sectors of the economy, but in many regions of Canada.

Therefore, the petitioners are asking that the Parliament of Canada obtain a clear mandate from the people of Canada through a national debate on this deal, and that this debate result in a national election prior to the signing of any such agreement.

## CALL FOR END TO HOSTILITIES IN ETHIOPIA

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Madam Speaker, as a Member of Parliament I have the distinct honour to submit a petition which has been gathered by the rather spectacular efforts of one Cheryl Verney.

The petition consists of some 1,200 signatures of Canadians who ask this Parliament to demand of the Government that it use its good offices to secure a peace settlement in Ethiopia, in order that the needs of the people in that tragic country can be met with respect to food, and ultimately to accomplish the long-term development there which will provide the security and the long-term survival of the people of Ethiopia.

## CHARGE THAT ISRAEL WITHHELD FOOD TO CONTROL RIOTS

**Mr. Peter Peterson (Hamilton West):** Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition signed by numerous residents of the Hamilton area. The petitioners are concerned about recent statements made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) with regard to the situation in Israel, especially the claim that Israel was using food as a weapon to control the riots in both the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The petitioners believe that there is irrefutable evidence that such is not the case. They call upon the Minister to provide them with evidence to support his charges.

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## CALL FOR GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR FOOD AID TO THIRD WORLD

**Mr. Carlo Rossi (Bourassa):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour of presenting a petition signed by people in the riding of Bourassa, from the parish of Sainte-Gertrude in Montreal North, who are asking that food aid be sent to Third World countries only in emergency situations. And your petitioners humbly pray Parliament to set a priority on food production in Canadian aid programs and start by helping small farmers in Third World countries.

And as in duty bound your petitioners ever pray.