

*Order Paper Questions*

Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement during a national general election.

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, again I have the honour to present a petition signed by Canadians who express their concern with the Government's trade agreement.

• (1550)

They believe it would deny Canada the policy freedom to determine its own economic future and would undermine our ability to build a society distinct from that of the United States.

They also believe that the proposed trade agreement not only denies Canadians secure access to the U.S. market, which was the key objective in these negotiations, but also threatens the loss of hundreds and thousands of Canadian jobs.

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement during a national general election.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of westerners who indicate that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised in the course of the bilateral trade negotiations that Canadian sovereignty would not be compromised.

They believe that the trade agreement negotiated by the Government threatens the very fabric of Canadian political and economic sovereignty by removing the power of the Canadian Government to effectively control foreign ownership, to develop Canadian energy resources in the best interests of Canadians, and to equalize opportunity between the regions.

Therefore, they call upon Parliament to dissolve now and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement during a national general election.

[Translation]

OPPOSITION TO TAX ON FOOD

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Pursuant to Standing Order 106, I welcome this opportunity to table in the House a petition asking the federal Government to refrain from putting a tax on food. Mr. Speaker, I realize that the Government has finally decided to take the advice of the Official Opposition and refrain from imposing this tax. And I also want to take this opportunity to mention that 385 petitioners were also instrumental in persuading the Government not to take such a regressive measure.

REQUEST FOR NECESSARY GOVERNMENT ACTION TO INCREASE HOUSING FOR THE NEEDY

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, I have another petition which informs us that over 100,000 people are homeless and asks Parliament to act now to

take the necessary measures so that Canadians in substandard housing will be given adequate accommodation. This petition is signed by 105 petitioners.

SITUATION IN HAITI—DEMANDS OF HAITIAN COMMUNITY

**Hon. Suzanne Blais-Grenier (Rosemont):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, I present a petition on behalf of 4,000-odd people of Canada's Haitian community. Your petitioners humbly request:

That the régime of General Namphy in Haiti be denounced because it is made up of former Duvalier supporters, some of whom are now on trial;

That the Canadian Parliament firmly denounce the so-called democratic approach of this régime since it took over;

That Canadian assistance, earmarked mostly for salaries paid to Canadian volunteers and for project administration expenditures, be suspended until such time as the interim electoral council, whose members have been dismissed by General Namphy, has been reinstated; and

That the Prime Minister urge the United Nations to launch an inquiry into the repeated breaches against human and democratic rights which were witnessed on November 29 and the following days and which are still going on.

The petition of the Haitian people will continue to circulate and gather public support until the disappearance of the Haiti dictatorship and the end of the massacre of these people.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pleasure that we answer Question No. 208 today. It was the subject of some discussion last week and I am pleased to see that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Masse) has followed through upon his return to the House.

[Text]

USE OF PETRO-CANADA JET

Question No. 208—**Mr. Boudria:**

1. Since September 17, 1987, did any cabinet Minister utilize the Petro-Canada jet and, if so (a) on how many occasions (b) what was the name of the cabinet Minister (c) in each case, what was the (i) date (ii) destination (iii) cost (iv) purpose of each trip?

2. Did any person accompany the Minister and, if so, what was the (a) name (b) occupation (c) purpose of travelling of each person?