

Routine Proceedings

Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 32(2), I have the honour to table in both official languages the report entitled *Annual Report: Employment Equity Act, 1991*.

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PETITIONS

MARKETING BOARDS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to present a petition signed by numerous residents of the province of Ontario and various small communities, most of them farming communities.

These petitioners are concerned that the government is about to trade away the opportunity for them to operate marketing boards under the GATT round of negotiations which are currently under way.

The petitioners call upon the government to hold the Canadian system up as an example to all the world, to stiffen its resolve and ensure that article XI and the rights that accrue to Canada thereunder are not traded away by this government which seems bent on such an idea.

JUSTICE

Mr. Bill Kempling (Burlington): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present seven petitions, containing approximately 300 signatures.

The citizens are from Burlington, Stoney Creek, Hamilton, Beamsville, Brantford, Ancaster, Kitchener, Grimsby, St. Catharines, Caledonia, Hannon, Dunnville and Binbrook. These citizens are petitioning the Government of Canada in support of the parents of Nina DeVilliers who was murdered on August 9, 1991. The petitioners call upon Parliament to recognize that crimes of violence against persons are serious and abhorrent to society and ask that the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act and the Parole Act be amended accordingly.

UKRAINE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of presenting three petitions today. The first I would have liked to have been able to present yesterday, but it was not possible to do so. It is in respect of constituents of mine of Ukrainian heritage who have asked the federal government to recognize the

independence of Ukraine, subject of course to the referendum indicating that desire for independence.

I rejoice with them as do many, many Canadians throughout the land with respect to the referendum and the recognition that the government has given to Ukraine.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): The second petition is in respect of the goods and services tax on reading materials; magazines, books and newspapers.

The petitioners point out that there has been no such tax since the beginning of Confederation. They also indicate that it is counterproductive, it goes against the whole notion of a democratic society that is supposed to be well informed and a society, of course, that strives for excellence through education. Of course, these vehicles are important ones to the development of our citizenry.

EDUCATION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): My final petition is in respect of education. It is a criticism of a government that talks about competitiveness, productivity, establishing a learning culture, when it has indeed this year cut a half billion dollars in transfer payments to the provinces, as well as placing a 3 per cent administrative fee on student loans.

The petitioners ask that the government rescind these regressive measures so that we can send our young people to college and university in order that they can find the jobs that will contribute fully to Canada.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UKRAINIAN CANADIANS

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): I rise to present a couple of petitions you would be interested in, Mr. Speaker, being that it is the 100th anniversary of the Ukrainian Canadians coming to our country.

These petitions come from the towns of Canora, Rama and the city of Yorkton. They present a petition that I wanted to table yesterday but it is still just as relevant today.

The undersigned petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the Government of Canada to give genuine support to the people of Ukraine by officially recognizing Ukraine's independence in establishing full diplomatic relations with the people of Ukraine immediately following their referendum, which took place on Tuesday.