

Routine Proceedings

guages, English and French, for the government and the people of Canada.

CHRISTINE LAMONT AND DAVID SPENCER

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Madam Speaker, I have three petitions to present. My first petition is signed by hundreds of residents of British Columbia.

It notes that two young Canadians, Christine Lamont and David Spencer, who were sentenced to 28 years each in a Brazilian prison, have suffered grave miscarriages of justice. There have been a number of riots in the compounds in which they are held which threaten their health and safety. The only relief available for their punishment is to request expulsion.

Therefore, the petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the Prime Minister to request the Government of Brazil to expel Christine Lamont and David Spencer and return them to Canada in accordance with Brazilian law.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Madam Speaker, the second petition notes that in October 1985 the subcommittee on equality rights of the justice committee submitted a unanimous report to Parliament recommending that the Canadian Human Rights Act be amended to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in all areas of federal jurisdiction.

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The petitioners go on to note that despite repeated promises the government would act on this commitment and despite calls by the Canadian Human Rights Commission for the government to act on this commitment, no action has been taken.

Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to ensure the government acts to bring forward immediately an amendment to add sexual orientation to the Canadian Human Rights Act as a prohibited ground of discrimination.

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Madam Speaker, I have a petition which is signed by hundreds of residents of the cities of Burnaby and Vancouver on the subject of the proposed North American free trade agreement.

This petition points out that NAFTA has resulted in even greater trade concessions being demanded of Canada. It refers to the problem of bringing on to the market generic drugs and points out that NAFTA cannot be remedied through renegotiation.

Therefore, the petitioners call on the House to reject the proposed North American free trade agreement and recommend to the government that it use the termination clause to end the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

GORE BAY-MANITOULIN ISLAND AIRPORT

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present seven petitions today. They are signed by 225 people from throughout Manitoulin Island.

The petitioners express their concern that the government plans to automate the weather station at the Gore Bay-Manitoulin airport later this fall. They express concern that services to navigators and the general public will be sharply reduced by that automation.

I note the Minister of State for Transport is in the House today. We have been making representations to her. I am sure that these petitions will only reinforce those representations.

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Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Madam Speaker, I have the honour as well this afternoon to present a petition signed by more than 100 constituents of the hon. member for Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke who has been ill and in hospital. He is making a great recovery and has been back in the House at least once. He has asked me to present this petition on his behalf.

This petition deals with the impact of the planned North American free trade agreement. The petitioners are concerned about a loss of jobs, the impact on the environment and the impact on government independence.

I present these petitions on behalf of the member for Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Brian O'Kurley (Elk Island): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I have the honour and the privilege to present a number of petitions today on three separate issues.