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though that Bill has now been withdrawn and the issue has gone to committee, I believe it would be appropriate for the House to receive this petition.

Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, I have a petition submitted by the women of the community of Golden, British Columbia, which is in the riding of Kootenay East-Revelstoke. These women are concerned about the proliferation of pornography in various media and the Government's failure to act to deal with this insidious problem. They have asked Parliament to demonstrate its opposition to the denigration of women by enacting an Act to amend the Broadcasting Act, which was introduced by the Hon. Member for Broadview-Greenwood (Ms. McDonald) and was recently discussed in the House.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,840, 5,009 and 5,025.

[Text]

TRAINING PROGRAMS IN RENOUS AREA

Question No. 4,840-Mr. Howie:

Did the Solicitor General receive any requests from the Province of New Brunswick for training programs for residents of the Renous area to enable them to take advantage of the construction-related employment and subsequent operation of the penitentiary which is being built in that area?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): The Solicitor General of Canada has received requests, written and oral, from the Member of Parliament for Northumberland-Miramichi for priority consideration of local residents for local training and priority in employment in the penitentiary construction and operation.

In so far as the Correctional Service of Canada is concerned: The Correctional Service of Canada has received inquiries from the Member of Parliament for Northumberland-Miramichi and the Province of New Brunswick pertaining to training programs for residents of the Renous area and penitentiary related employment. The Correctional Service of Canada has also been in contact with the New Brunswick Community College in order to determine areas which may assist in the development of potential employees for the new penitentiary.

VETERANS' INSURANCE

Question No. 5,009-Mr. Heap:

1. What was the date of inception of veterans's insurance for world war II veterans?

2. What is the funding authority?

- 3. What was the amount of the various denomination policies sold?
- 4. What was the total number of beneficiaries to December 31, 1982?
- 5. What was the total number of dollars paid in benefits to December, 1982?
- 6. What is the number of policies lapsed in period since purchased?
- 7. What is the number of active policies paid up?
- 8. What is the amount yet payable on these policies?

9. What is the total of accumulated reserve fund?

Hon. W. Bennett Campbell (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. February 20, 1945.

2. The Veterans Insurance Act, R.S., c. 279, s. 1.

3. Policies sold were multiples of \$500 to a maximum of \$10,000. A total of 56,148 policies were sold.

4. 12,560.

5. \$36,011,031.

6. 2,375.

7.8,999.

- 8. \$24,070,700.50.
- 9. \$27,432,775.97.

COUNCIL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH IN LOUISIANA

Question No. 5,025-Mr. McKenzie:

1. Were subsidies granted to the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana by the Canadian Consulate General in New Orleans and, if so, to date, what was the total amount of such subsidies?

2. For how long has the Consulate General been subsidizing the Council?

3. Are there any other United States organizations which receive any amount of funding through Canadian Consulates General, or any other Canadian representative in the United States, to teach the French language and, if so (a) what is the name of each organization (b) where in the United States is the organization located (c) to date, what amount was received by each organization from the Canadian representative?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Department of External Affairs does not provide subsidies to the "Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL)". However, the Department does co-operate with the Council in the same manner as the French and the Belgian or the Quebec and New Brunswick Governments for the implementation of certain programs in the cultural field aimed at the promotion of the Francophonie:

(a) A cultural community animation program initiated in 1980/81 whose cost in 1983/84 is \$15,000; (b) In association with the University of Moncton, a scholarship program was initiated in 1982/83; its cost this year will be \$8,500.

The Department has also implemented cultural programs in association with "Action for the Franco-Americans of New England (ACTFANE)" and with "Association of Franco-Americans (AFA)". The benefits from these cultural pro-