

Routine Proceedings

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I rise to present a petition under the provisions of Standing Order 36.

The first petition is from residents of Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and other smaller places. It expresses their opposition to Canada's participation in the gulf war in any military attack against Iraq because of the unforeseeable amount of harm that would be done to the region and even the world because the United Nations has imposed massive and effective economic sanctions.

They request that Parliament withdraw all Canadian forces from the region so that we can be assured they will not be employed in any offensive capacity, but solely as is necessary to make sanctions effective and to use our tax dollars for useful and social programs such as child care, pensions, health care, education and not for military adventures in the Middle East.

Mr. Speaker, the second petition gives the same reasons for saying in effect, we, the undersigned, ask that the Government of Canada use all means available to it to encourage UN member states to give sanctions a chance to work, to refrain from offensive military action against Iraq.

They further ask that the government not commit Canadian Armed Forces to offensive action against Iraq.

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I have under Standing Order 36, a 24-page petition signed by people from Maple Ridge who have indicated that as a country we have built gradually a reputation as a dependable advocate supporter of the United Nations. We are recognized world-wide as a peacekeeping nation.

The petitioners therefore call on Parliament to resist strongly war in the Middle East at all costs and to allow time for economic sanctions and pressures from within Iraq to influence Saddam Hussein to withdraw his troops from Kuwait.

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Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of several hundreds of people in communities in the greater St. John's, Newfoundland area such as Kelligrews, St. Thomas, Chamberlain, Long Pond, Manuels, and so on.

The petitioners point out that Canadian cities are being polluted by automobile emissions and that there is a solution through the use of ethanol blended gasoline which would have the effect of boosting the oxygen content of the fuel. In that context, the petitioners call upon the House to make a minimum 3.2 oxygen content in gasoline fuels mandatory.

I have great pleasure in supporting the petition on behalf of those petitioners and ask that it be referred to the appropriate department for action.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 343, 347, 363, 383, 384, 396, 409, 414, 418 and 421.

[Text]

"CENTENNIAL FOUNTAIN COINS TO SUPPORT ASSOCIATIONS FOR CANADIANS WITH DISABILITIES"

Question No. 343—**Mr. Nunziata:**

Did the government issue a press release on April 10, 1990 entitled "Centennial Fountain Coins to Support Associations for Canadians with Disabilities" and, if so what was the cost of (a) production (b) mailing (c) courier delivery?

Hon. Gerry Weiner (Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship)): Yes. The government issued a news release on April 10, 1990, entitled "Centennial Fountain Coins to Support Associations for Canadians with disabilities."

(a) The production cost was \$402.80 to print 5,500 releases in English and 5,100 releases in French.

(b) The mailing cost was \$2,439.20, which included the cost of envelopes to mail to municipalities in Canada.

(c) The courier delivery cost was approximately \$60. This cost included sending 900 English releases and 500 French releases in bulk to the parliamentary distribution centre for distribution to senators, members of Parliament and members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery.