

Routine Proceedings

prevent anyone from getting into a situation that might be very difficult for all of us.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. parliamentary secretary has I think offered some assistance to the Chair. I was hoping that by the end of Routine Proceedings I could return, but I may be a few more minutes. In any event, I think the appropriate thing to do now is to proceed with Routine Proceedings. I shall return to the House as soon as I can.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

PRESENTATION OF REPORT BY UNITED FISHERMEN AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION

Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan): Mr. Speaker, I realize this is somewhat unusual, but I am seeking the unanimous consent of the House to table a document presented by the representatives of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union to the fisheries committee where it was very well received by representatives of all parties.

The problem on the west coast—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is there unanimous consent to have the hon. member present a document?

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I regret there is not unanimous consent.

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[Translation]

PETITIONS

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition concerning firearms from people in Ottawa, Gloucester, Cornwall and Summerstown. The petitioners humbly declare that the accessibility of weapons is a critical factor in murders, accidents and suicides and that many types of weapons which are easily available in

Canada are not needed for legitimate purposes like hunting and competitive shooting.

For these reasons, the undersigned ask Parliament to legislate now so that no one with a criminal record can own a firearm.

[English]

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise under Standing Order 36 and table a petition on behalf of several Canadian farmers who are upset, with reason, with the low commodity prices for agricultural products in Canada.

The petitioners are asking this government to provide assistance this year, not next year.

JUSTICE

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of 157 citizens in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. This petition is in support of the parents of Nina DeVilliers. It highlights some serious deficiencies in the criminal justice system, that crimes of violence against women and children are intolerable and constitute the most abhorrent crime society faces. Our laws, sentencing, bail hearing processes and parole provisions do not appropriately reflect society's abhorrence of violence to protect society from such offenders.

Therefore, the petitioners call upon Parliament to amend the Criminal Code, Bail Reform Act and the Parole Reform Acts accordingly.

RURAL CANADA

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed here by over 200 people from communities such as Dauphin, Manitoba, Red Deer, Alberta, Sackville, Nova Scotia, Quesnel, B.C. and Alida, Saskatchewan.

These people have watched the erosion of the rural way of life in fishing, farming and forestry communities around the country. They call on Parliament to support Canada's rural way of life, to support the maintenance of rural post offices and to reject the Conservative government's agenda of cutbacks and closures.

EDUCATION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to stand in this House today to present this