

Routine Proceedings

Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 110(1), these are deemed referred to the appropriate standing committees, a list of which is attached.

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GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO PETITIONS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 36(8) of the Standing Orders, I have the honour to table in both official languages the government responses to 148 petitions.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, to my hon. friend, the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader. Earlier today in Question Period the Minister of State for Small Business and Tourism referred to documentation regarding the Canada-U.S.-Mexico free trade deal. Is there any intention to table these documents in the House so that we may all have a look at them?

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I missed that particular exchange and I will have to review the "blues" and the words of the minister. We would be once again more than happy to co-operate in any way that we can.

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PETITIONS**HOUSING**

Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour, pursuant to the Standing Order on petitions, to present well over 760 names calling upon the House and Parliament to look again at the government proposals to transfer jurisdictional responsibility to the provinces. This relates to housing. The petitioners are asking this House to recognize that housing is a shared provincial-federal responsibility. They hope that the federal government will continue to support the non-profit co-operative housing program and to maintain the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in my place to present to the House of Commons a petition signed by my constituents in York West. It deals specifically with the proliferation of drug

abuse in the city of metropolitan Toronto, which is ruining the lives of many youths and Canadian families. It requests that the Government of Canada amend the Narcotics Control Act so that when there are great seizures of drugs and money, the money is channelled not only into general revenues at the national level, but is shared with the local police forces and organizations in the community that are in the front line against the battle on drugs. We would consider that an investment in the battle to try to win our communities and our youth from the proliferation of drugs.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to present four different petitions. One is a big thick one with lots of names on it of people who are still concerned and have renewed concern about the goods and services tax and what it is doing. They articulate a whole number of concerns that they have and are simply asking the government at this time to eliminate the tax. I think it is a very appropriate petition.

ECONOMIC STABILITY IN CROATIA

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): On another matter, these petitioners from the Kamloops constituency are concerned about the situation in Croatia. They are asking the Canadian government to simply do whatever is possible to bring peace, security and economic development to that part of the world.

FRESH WATER EXPORTS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): These petitioners are from British Columbia and refer to a plan to partly divert one of the major British Columbia rivers into the United States and northern Mexico. They are asking that the government simply announce that this will not be permitted, period.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Lastly, in light of the last petition given by another hon. member regarding increased drug concerns, the petitioners are asking for proper financial support to enable the RCMP to carry out its mandate in enforcing law and order in the country.

DOMESTIC WORKERS

Mr. Rey Pagtakhan (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am honoured to present petitions from over 100 constituents. They would like to