

• (1025)

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey—White Rock—South Langley): Madam Speaker, my petition is like the one submitted by my friend from Parkdale—High Park. It is submitted by Mr. Kent Schubert and Vern and Doreen Lobb of Surrey. They avail themselves of the ancient undoubted right to present a petition to Parliament.

They point out that the Constitution officially makes Canada a bilingual country. They say the action of the government and the continuing action of political parties have disenfranchised the people of Canada on the subject of two official languages, English and French.

They ask that there be legislation providing for a referendum of the people binding upon Parliament to accept or reject two official languages, English and French, for the government and the people of Canada, and that the acceptance or rejection of the proposed amendments be determined by a majority vote of those total votes in the whole of Canada, together with a majority vote in a majority of the provinces with the territories being given the status of one province.

I am pleased to present it on behalf of my constituents.

PARKS CANADA

Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Madam Speaker, I am pleased this morning to present a petition on behalf of many people in the greater Toronto area including Newmarket, Toronto, Islington, Mississauga, Ajax, Scarborough, North York and East York, all of whom are petitioning this Parliament and this House in connection with the intention of the Canadian Parks Service to establish a proposed national historic park on Grosse Île.

The concern expressed in the petition is that perhaps in approaching this proposal Parks Canada is ignoring the fact that 15,000 Irish men, women and children fleeing famine in Ireland in 1847 are buried on Grosse Île in mass graves and the fact that through the generosity of the people of Quebec nearly 1,000 of the children orphaned that summer were adopted and allowed to keep their own names.

They call upon the Parliament of Canada to urge the government through Parks Canada to ensure that the Irish mass graves are perpetuated as the main theme of

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the historic park on Grosse Île as a permanent reminder of the Irish role in the building of Canada.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and to Minister of National Defence): Madam Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed stand.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT CROSSING ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-110, an act respecting the Northumberland Strait Crossing, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Madam Deputy Speaker: There are 65 motions in amendment on the Notice Paper for report stage of Bill C-110, an act respecting the Northumberland Strait Crossing.

[English]

Motions Nos. 1, 4, 7, 18, 21, 57, 60 and 63 standing in the name of the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie will be grouped for debate and a vote on Motion No. 1 will apply to Motions Nos. 4, 7, 18, 21, 57, 60 and 63.

Motions Nos. 2, 5, 8, 13, 16, 19, 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61 and 64 standing in the name of the hon. member for Skeena and Motions Nos. 3, 6, 9, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47, 50, 53, 56, 59, 62 and 65 standing in the name of the hon. member for Yorkton—Melville are identical to Motions Nos. 1, 4, 7, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 42, 45, 48, 51, 54, 57, 60 and 63 standing in the name of the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie.