

Routine Proceedings

deal with this material portraying torture, rape and murder as fun.

Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to consider amending the Criminal Code of Canada so that violent and degrading materials can be kept from being distributed in Canada.

This petition is signed by almost 500 people in my community of New Westminster—Burnaby.

STUDENT LOANS

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): The second petition, Mr. Speaker, is signed by people from right across Canada. It has almost 1,200 signatures.

It calls upon the government to continue the six-month interest-free period for repayment of Canada student loans following graduation. It also calls upon Parliament to reverse the decision regarding the requirements for full-time student status and to define a full-time student as one who carries a 60 per cent course load.

As well it calls upon Parliament not to remove the six-month interest-free period on student loans and to withdraw the legislation, reverting to the principles of the Family Allowance Act, and not discriminate against those parents who are students and also use the Canada Student Loans Program.

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Finally, Mr. Speaker, I have petitions from people in my community of New Westminster—Burnaby, British Columbia. Some 200 petitioners have signed this petition calling on the government and Parliament to reject legislation implementing the North American free trade agreement.

They do not want NAFTA.

DIVORCE ACT

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from my constituents asking Parliament to amend the Divorce Act so that a mother or father, unless there is serious cause, could be prevented from placing obstacles in the relationship between a child and the child's grandparents. In other words, they ask that

the act be amended so that it would be illegal for a parent to obstruct the relationship between a child and the child's grandparents.

They petition for further amendments to the act that would give a grandparent who is granted access to a child the right to make inquiries and be given information as to the health, education and welfare of the grandchild.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition today pursuant to Standing Order 36. This petition is regarding the CBC.

The petitioners ask that Parliament recognize the tools for building a better Canada have been abandoned by this Parliament; that important national institutions have been underfunded and then privatized; and that the government has cut CBC funding by \$140 million over the next four years, resulting in 1,200 job losses and the closing of 10 regional stations in Calgary, Corner Brook, Goose Bay, Sydney, Sept Iles, Toronto, Saskatoon and Windsor, as well as other areas.

I am particularly interested in this matter because Victoria, a city that is close to me, is the only capital city in Canada that is not provided with CBC radio service. I agree with the petition.

The petitioners urge the government to consider restoring proper funding to the CBC so that it can fulfil its mandate and its role as the heartbeat of Canada.

EDUCATION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I have an extensive petition that I would like to summarize.

These petitioners point out that a great number of Canadian youths who belong to middle and lower-income families are drawn out of schools at an early age due to the present financial difficulty.

They urge the government to invest in Canada's future by promoting a better educational program for students and to prepare them for global competitiveness.

The petitioners make a number of recommendations and I will summarize them very briefly. They want the reformation of the income tax law to allow middle and