

## REFERENDUM

**Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 it is my pleasure to introduce a petition calling for a referendum of the people before there is constitutional change.

## HEALTH

**Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to rise today to present a petition signed by many of my constituents in Malpeque, in places such as Cornwall, Winsloe, Kensington, Marshfield and Albany, Prince Edward Island.

Whereas scientific evidence has raised doubts about the safety of silicone breast implants and whereas the Health Protection Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare has known of the dangers of these implants for several years the undersigned petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to establish an independent judicial inquiry into the testing and approval process of all medical devices, in particular silicone breast implants.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I rise to present a petition from a number of residents in British Columbia regarding two Canadians, Christine Lamont and David Spencer, who have been sentenced to 28 years in a Brazilian prison.

They have suffered discrimination in sentencing and parole. The cumulative effect of these irregularities provides ample grounds for the Government of Canada to seek a remedy on their behalf and there should be a request for expulsion in accordance with Brazilian law.

Therefore the petitioners call upon the government to urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to request the Government of Brazil to expel Christine Lamont and David Spencer and return them home to Canada.

## LIGHTHOUSES

**Mr. Ray Skelly (North Island—Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition representing the wishes of thousands of British Columbians.

They ask that the *Future Use of Lightstations* report be immediately implemented by the federal government, along with the return of the 10 person-years cut from the program and the return of the budget dollars that were

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removed. This will ensure the safety, continuation and upgrading of the west coast lighthouse system in order to ensure the safety net for the transportation of British Columbians.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present to the House a petition signed by a number of my constituents who are Canadians of Sri Lankan origin and reside in the Flemingdon Park area of my riding.

This petition relates to the recent Canadian human rights mission to the island of Sri Lanka and it requests that Canada take a lead to facilitate the international mediation of the conflict there.

It calls upon Parliament to express willingness to call upon the parties to the conflict in Sri Lanka, the Government of Sri Lanka and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, to express their willingness to accept mediation of the conflict and also to commence negotiations with a view to entering an internationally guaranteed accord to establish an associated structure within which the Sinhalese people and the Tamil people may live in peace and freedom.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, Question No. 266 will be answered today.

[Text]

Question No. 266—**Ms. Langan:**

With respect to the survey being conducted by the Department of Health and Welfare on the experience of women with breast implants (a) will the Minister consult with opposition critics and the status of women sub-committee on breast cancer prior to appoint a company to conduct this survey (b) who is to be surveyed (c) when will this survey begin (d) when will the survey be completed (e) will the report of the survey be tabled in the House of Commons?

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** (a) The selection of a contractor to conduct a survey of Canadian women with breast implants has been done through the Department of Supply and Services according to government contract policy. The process does not include consultation on the choice