

Routine Proceedings

They ask that we concentrate a special effort on training of police, lawyers, court workers and judges to become knowledgeable about women and child abuse and to focus public attention on this very important and long ignored problem.

CANADIAN FORCES BASE NO. 5 SUPPLY DEPOT

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my pleasure to introduce a petition with over 5,000 names questioning the decision to close the Canadian Forces Base No. 5 Supply Depot in Moncton.

The petitioners call on Parliament to reconsider this untimely decision and keep these military facilities where they have been so capably serving the troops, the militia and other bases throughout Canada and overseas for the past 52 years.

NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Madam Speaker, it is my honour and pleasure to present a petition from several residents of North York, Toronto, Brantford and Port Dover who are concerned that the North American free trade agreement has resulted in even greater trade concessions being demanded of Canada so that Canadians will lose more jobs and there will now be further restrictions placed on the provincial, federal and territorial governments and even municipal governments from assisting Canadian industry, conserving natural resources and advancing our social programs.

Therefore, these petitioners call on this House to reject the proposed North American free trade agreement and recommend to the government that it use the termination clause to end the U.S.—Canada Free Trade Agreement.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

Ms. Beth Phinney (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I have many thousands of signatures on petitions here to add to the over 1.5 million signatures that have been presented by all parties in the House. These petitioners feel that there are serious deficiencies in the criminal justice system.

They ask that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence against the person are serious and abhorrent to society.

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They ask the government to amend the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act of 1972 and the Parole Act accordingly.

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Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Madam Speaker, it is my honour to present a petition, duly authorized under Standing Order 36, signed by people from the city of Regina and the community of Raymore, who point out that the proposed North American free trade agreement will erode Canada's ability to do many things and will also erode Canada's ability to maintain its level of employment.

They point out that if it is implemented, the trade agreement will result in further restrictions being placed on the ability of Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments, now and in the future, to assist Canadian industry from using the natural advantages Canada has through its natural resources for Canada's own benefit. They ask that because the free trade agreement has to be implemented before January 1, 1994. They call upon the House of Commons to reject the proposed North American free trade agreement.

They also recommend that the free trade agreement with the United States be abrogated.

VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary Northeast): Madam Speaker, I have a petition of 150,000 names in my office being certified, but I have a petition of 600 names here. The petition is in memory of all children who have suffered at the hands of others.

We have formed this petition to stress our belief that the penalties in retrospect for child molesters and child murderers are far too lenient in this country. We strongly request that this petition be heard as a people's vote to reinstate capital punishment for child murderers and stiffen penalties for child molesters.

If we cannot protect our children from the people who commit these heinous crimes, then who will?

Therefore, your petitioners call upon Parliament to enact legislation against these types of offenders.