

Petitions

The signatories believe that such legislation would more readily recognize the realities of construction work and aid in the further hiring and training of younger workers in the industry.

DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton Southeast): Mr. Speaker, I wish to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36. It is signed by approximately 100 residents of Calgary and Edmonton. They are calling on the Government to enact legislation that would remove sexual orientation as grounds for legal discrimination. The petitioners are calling on the Government to bring in laws which will ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. I am happy to submit this petition.

REVISION OF EXTRADITION LAWS

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition certified correct in form and content, from 2,300 Canadians who call upon the Government to revise current extradition laws so that the Minister of Justice can order the extradition of fugitives and prevent Canada from becoming a haven for escaped convicts from other countries.

[*Translation*]

SITUATION IN LEBANON—SOLUTION OF CONFLICT

Mr. Allan Koury (Hochelaga—Maisonnette): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of presenting a petition on behalf of more than 12,000 citizens, stating that the genocide of the Lebanese people requires extremely urgent action; that the Syrian army occupies three-quarters of Lebanese territory and terrorizes the population; that only the withdrawal of all Syrian and non-Lebanese forces from Lebanon would restore peace to this war-torn country.

They humbly pray Parliament to do everything in its power to obtain an urgent meeting of the UN Security Council in order to demand the following for Lebanon: An immediate stop to bombardments; withdrawal of Syrian, Israeli and other non-Lebanese forces; a UN peacekeeping force for Lebanon; political and economic sanctions for those parties that do not abide by the decisions of the Security Council.

[*English*]

OPPOSITION TO CLOSURE OF CFB SUMMERSIDE

Mr. Joe McGuire (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to present a petition from the residents of the greater Summerside area. This petition was circulated under the chairmanship of Mr. Jim Aikinson of the Downtown Business Association of Summerside and was signed by 12,000 Prince Edward Islanders. It has been certified correct as to form and content by the Clerk of Petitions.

The purpose of the petition is to demonstrate the degree of opposition to the closing of Canadian Forces Base Summerside which, if effected, would bring economic ruin to the town of Summerside, the village of St. Eleanor's, and many smaller communities of Prince County, and to the treasury of the Prince Edward Island Government.

I present this petition to this Parliament with the confidence that the Government will appreciate the degree of concern which exists and will reverse its decision before the required 45 days.

VIA RAIL CUT-BACKS

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to table petitions which have been certified correct by the Clerk of Petitions. These five petitions are signed by 225 residents of Canada from 35 different communities from Vancouver to St. John's, Newfoundland, from Churchill to London. These signatures were collected in the VIA Rail train station in Thunder Bay.

The petitioners call upon the Government to live up to its original pledge to support VIA Rail, and to abandon plans for cuts to VIA's budget and provide the necessary resources to allow VIA to operate as a modern, effective transportation company rather than a museum. There would be a great many more petitions with more signatures, if there were more cars on the trains to accommodate people who want to ride on them.

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INTERNATIONAL MARKETING OF ARMS AND POLICING EQUIPMENT

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to submit two petitions today pursuant to Standing Order 36.