

to permit approximately 2,000 co-operative housing units to be sponsored in 1992.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Would the hon. member agree with me that was very close to a speech and not presenting a petition?

THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona): Madam Speaker, I have three petitions today and I will be very brief with them.

The first one I would like to present on behalf of my colleague, the hon. member for Yellowhead. It has been signed by 150 residents of Drayton Valley and they are supporting a binding referendum on the Constitution.

INCOME TAX ACT

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona): The second petition I would like to present is from people associated with the Kids First Organization. They call upon the government to amend the Income Tax Act such that child related benefits and deductions for child care are fair and equitable to all family structures based on financial need and irrespective of child care choice.

POSTAL FRANCHISES

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona): The third petition I would like to present is a petition from well over 1,000 of my constituents. This petition calls upon Parliament to influence the government to award a postal franchise to the Heritage I.D.A. in Edmonton, Alberta.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

Mr. Walter Van De Walle (St. Albert): It is my pleasure to present a petition requesting that Parliament revise the laws of Canada to replace the Young Offenders Act with an updated juvenile delinquents act with a lower minimum age of 13 years.

THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Madam Speaker, I have two petitions to present today. The first is one calling upon the Government of Canada to hold a national referendum in order to determine the wishes of the people of Canada on the issue of the amendment to the Constitution of Canada.

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HOUSING

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): This petition, supported by my colleague from Ottawa Centre, deals with the cancellation of the federal co-op housing program and asks the government to reinstate funding for this important, low-cost housing program.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): I have the privilege of presenting a petition from residents of Calgary, De Winton, Clareholm and Okotoks, Alberta calling upon Parliament to revise the laws of Canada to replace the Young Offenders Act with an updated juvenile delinquents act with a lower maximum age of 13 years.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52

EMPLOYMENT

Madam Deputy Speaker: I have received an application pursuant to Standing Order 52 and I will recognize the hon. member for Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte.

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 52 I wish to give notice of my intention to move the adjournment of the House for an emergency debate on the crisis in the fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador. Fishermen and plant workers on the great northern peninsula of Newfoundland, in particular, and along the northeast coast and in other regions have been without income now since May 15 and have no prospect of any income because of a combination of reasons; no fish, various fisheries have been closed, ice conditions and a pending moratorium.

I ask Madam Speaker to give consideration to this petition for an emergency debate, that it be held as soon as possible and practically. I will conclude very quickly but I would remind the House that more than 60 members over the last two days of Parliament from this side of the House, in two opposition parties, from almost every province of Canada, including independent members—and this is unprecedented in my 13 years here—are supporting this petition for an emergency debate because they recognize that it would be improper for Parliament to close for the summer, close until September, without giving a proper opportunity for a debate on this crisis situation and without giving an opportunity for ministers opposite and for the government opposite to