

*Routine Proceedings**[English]*

KILLER CARDS

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to submit a petition on behalf of constituents of my riding; Glace Bay, Sydney River, Lingan Road, Gardiner Mines, East Broadway and other parts of Cape Breton county, calling on the Government of Canada to stop the importation of killer cards, which ought to be seized at the Canada-United States border to stop their distribution in Canada.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon the Parliament of Canada to amend the laws of Canada to prohibit the importation, distribution, sale and manufacture of killer cards in law and to advise producers of killer cards that their product, if destined for Canada, will be seized and thereafter destroyed.

[Translation]

FEDERAL GRANTS

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a petition from Saskatchewan with 7,000 signatures. Your petitioners express certain sentiments which I will share with you and which I believe are common to all groups in this country.

[English]

These petitioners ask the government to review its education policies, its cuts to established programs funding, its cuts to training and retraining, its cuts to research and development, its archaic student aid program and the 3 per cent tax it imposes on student loans for those students who need to borrow money in order to go to college or university. As well, they deplore the six-month additional interest on student loans that the government has just added.

[Translation]

I therefore table this petition on their behalf and on behalf of everyone in this country who shares their point of view.

• (1020)

[English]

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and a privilege to present a petition on behalf of

a number of very thoughtful and concerned constituents from Kamloops who point out that the Minister of Employment and Immigration has announced the government's intention to close Canadian immigration centres in western Canada and to sharply curtail employment and immigration services offered to new immigrants in other centres.

The petitioners point out that this centralized case processing centre in Vegreville is in an area far removed from where the new citizens will be living, working and making their applications. It will most surely create undue delay, deferment and confusion for applicants and those who will be called upon to attempt to administer this new policy. They point out that the present system is working very effectively from their point of view.

In conclusion, the petitioners indicate that the new policy will simply serve to undermine the established objectives of the community that works so closely with the Kamloops CIC office now. It will simply result in poorer service to potential investors and immigrants who will be thinking of investing outside the already overcrowded urban areas such as Vancouver.

They point out that the smaller communities cannot offer on the spot assistance and encouragement when investment outside the large urban centres would be less attractive to the potential immigrant investor, plus a long set of other concerns. The petitioners simply ask the Minister of Employment and Immigration not to close immigrant centres that serve smaller urban areas such as in Kamloops, British Columbia.

NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, on another matter, petitioners throughout British Columbia point out their opposition to a firm's plan to divert the North Thompson River near Valemount in an effort to sell the fresh water in the San Diego, California area.

The petitioners are simply asking the Government of Canada to ensure that this does not happen.

BILL C-268

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, on another issue, the petitioners from a variety of Indian bands from British Columbia are calling upon the Parliament of Canada to enact the content of Bill C-268, an act respecting a national solidarity day for the aboriginal peoples of Canada.