

Routine Proceedings

I would like to also add my personal support for keeping that particular airstrip open.

UNITEL

Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to present a petition from residents mostly of Kamloops and Campbell River who urge Parliament to oppose Unitel's application to get into the telephone business primarily because of the severe impact it will have on areas outside of our major cities. It will negatively impact on the rural areas tremendously.

The petitioners are also asking that hearings be held in the communities concerning Unitel's application.

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have a petition to present from a number of people in British Columbia who are concerned about the potential devastation of the phone system if Unitel's application is granted. They call upon the government and the minister to oppose the application, and to hold local hearings in areas that will be affected, particularly outside the urban core.

[*Translation*]

GUN CONTROL

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from Ottawa, Gatineau and Gloucester concerning firearms. The petitioners declare that the accessibility of firearms is a key factor in homicides, accidents and suicides and that many types of weapons which are easily available in Canada are not needed for legitimate purposes like hunting and competitive shooting.

The petitioners ask Parliament to legislate now so that no one with a criminal record can own a firearm.

[*English*]

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition today to present on behalf of a group of farmers from southwestern Ontario calling for the government to provide the same assistance that would have been provided this year if the GRIP and NISA programs had been in place.

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The announcement by the government two weeks ago was only half of the amount that is needed, so they are petitioning and calling on the government and on Parliament to provide that assistance which is urgently needed by Canadian grain, oilseeds and horticulture producers.

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Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from people throughout British Columbia: Campbell River, Comox, Nanaimo, Cranbrook, Kimberley, Courtenay, Rossland, Trail, Castlegar and Kaleden, in total about 500 signatures.

These petitioners call upon the government, the Minister of Communications in particular, to oppose the bid placed before the CRTC regarding Unitel's application to carve off a piece of the long distance telecommunications market.

The people are very concerned about the effect that will have on telephone rates, particularly for those individuals in communities outside major metropolitan areas.

I would like to submit on their behalf these petitions today.

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to table in the House today under Standing Order 36 a petition signed by a number of residents of primarily the interior of British Columbia who are expressing their concerns about changes in telecommunications policy in Canada.

The petitioners call for full consultation among all parties affected by any changes in the long distance and local service relationship, in particular rural areas.

[*Translation*]

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BIRTH OF MARIE SKŁODOWSKA CURIE

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present a petition on a commemorative stamp for the 125th anniversary of the birth of Marie Skłodowska Curie, for her scientific contribution to humanity.

The petitioners, residents of Canada, think that her discovery of radium, which is used throughout the world for therapeutic purposes, should be pointed out by