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MR. DUPRAS—NORTH AMERICAN MILITARY INTERVENTIONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Mr. Maurice Dupras (Labelle): Madam Speaker, I wish to speak on behalf of nearly 4,500 petitioners from the riding of Labelle and the general area, who are outraged by North American military intervention in Central America and are demanding the liberation of the people of these countries. Although I do not necessarily agree with some of the terms used in this petition, I believe it is my duty as the Member for the riding of Labelle to provide a forum for the views of my constituents in this assembly, the highest court in the land.

[English]

MR. GURBIN—SPORTS FISHING IN ONTARIO

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Bruce-Grey): Madam Speaker, I have the privilege of presenting to the House a petition on behalf of 80 constituents who are members of the Bruce Peninsula Sportsmen's Association. The petitioners have serious concern that the proposals signed by the Ontario Government and Indian Bank representatives might limit the future of sports fishing in Ontario. The petition requests of the federal Government that:

The upcoming agreement for native fishing rights not be signed until full disclosure of the agreement to the public is made. Also that reasonable time be allowed for public input.

I hope that the petition is in order and that the Chair will see fit to refer it to the appropriate standing committee.

• (1510)

MR. MITGES—BELL CANADA ENTERPRISES INCORPORATED

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition from the constituency of Grey-Simcoe and surrounding area, signed by 52 individuals who are deeply concerned and distressed by recent actions of the Government of Canada to try and prevent the reorganization of a new parent company for the Bell Canada group called Bell Canada Enterprises Incorporated.

The petitioners have correctly stated that such an undertaking has been approved by Bell shareholders and the Superior Court of Quebec. They point out as well that it has been acknowledged by a wide range of Cabinet Ministers and senior Government officials that it is a move in the right direction to provide the corporation with an improvement in its structure. The petitioners are vehemently opposed to the Government's appeal of the Quebec Superior Court decision and call for the withdrawal of the inappropriate, unnecessary and costly delay resulting from a CRTC inquiry.

MR. MCKENZIE—OPPOSITION TO BILL C-85

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition signed by 22 citizens of the Winnipeg area. The purpose of the petition is to express the clear and strong opposition of the citizens of the area to Bill C-85, the legislation to establish Canagrex. In

particular, the petitioners protest the buy and sell provisions of Canagrex, as well as its wide-ranging powers.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,169, 4,536, 4,538, and 4,590.

[Text]

STATUS OF IMMIGRANTS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Question No. 4,169—**Mr. MacKay:**

1. For each calendar year since 1977, how many Canadian residents with landed immigrant status, formerly citizens of Czechoslovakia, availed themselves of the offer made to them on March 16, 1977 by the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic and applied to Czechoslovak authorities for "regularization" of their legal relationship towards Czechoslovakia?

2. For the same period, how many of the residents were, at the time of their applications to the Czechoslovak authorities (a) Canadian citizens (b) employees of the Canadian Government (c) employees of provincial Governments (d) employees of Crown corporations and Crown agencies?

3. For the same period, how many applications by Canadian residents to the authorities of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic for "regularization" of their legal relationship towards Czechoslovakia were approved by the Czechoslovak authorities and how many Canadian residents were (a) released from Czechoslovak citizenship (b) issued Czechoslovak passports?

4. For the same period, how many Canadian residents who were issued Czechoslovak passports were (a) Canadian citizens (b) employees of the Canadian Government (c) employees of provincial Governments (d) employees of Crown corporations and Crown agencies?

5. For the same period, how many Canadian residents with landed immigrant status, who were formerly citizens of Czechoslovakia, travelled to Czechoslovakia and (a) how many used Canadian passports (b) how many used Czechoslovak passports for travel to Czechoslovakia and how many used Canadian passports to return to Canada?

6. For the same period, how many Canadian residents with landed immigrant status, formerly residents of Czechoslovakia, were formally and unilaterally deprived of their Czechoslovak citizenship because of their activities against the régimes of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, its representatives and its allies?

7. For each calendar year since 1975 (a) how many Canadian visitor visas were issued to citizens of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic (b) how many visitors actually came to Canada from Czechoslovakia (c) how many of the visitors (i) applied for (ii) were granted landed immigrant status?

8. For each calendar year since 1977, how many visitors to Canada from Czechoslovakia were visiting Canadian residents who had "regularized" their legal relationship with the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic?

9. Is there any evidence of foreign diplomatic representatives manipulating members of Canada's ethnic communities by threats of reprisals against relatives or friends in the country of origin, as referred to in the McDonald Commission 1981 Report, 2-1, pp. 66, 415 and 432 and, if so, in each case (a) on what date did the event take place (b) what foreign diplomats were involved (c) what was the disposition of the case?

10. Did the Solicitor General state in the House of Commons on November 19, 1981, that he was aware "of particular cases where Canadians of dual nationality have been pressured by foreign governments in one way or another" and, if so, in each case (a) what was the nature of such pressures (b) on what date did the pressuring take place (c) what foreign governments were involved (d) what steps were taken by the Canadian Government against such practices?