Petitions

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

BROADCASTING ACT—AMENDMENT RESPECTING PORNOGRAPHY

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Madam Speaker, I have four petitions today which are basically on the topic. One is submitted by Mrs. Violet Drabble from Speers, another from Mrs. Roy E. Kieper from Radisson and another from Jessie and Bruce Smith from Battleford. They call upon the House to bring about a resolution regarding what they and many Canadians see as a problem that of pornography being degrading to women, children and men alike. The undersigned, your petitioners, ask that this Parliament demonstrate its opposition to the degradation of women by enacting an Act to amend the Broadcasting Act. This was introduced by the Hon. Member for Broadview-Greenwood (Ms. McDonald) on March 8, 1983 which will be debated in the House this afternoon.

• (1510)

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood): Madam Speaker, I have a large number of petitions which I would like to present as a group. Some come from my own riding of Broadview-Greenwood. They are all in support of my Private Members' Bill to be discussed this afternoon, Bill C-675. Some are from other parts of Toronto, including the riding of St. Paul's and some north Toronto ridings. There is a large number from Kootenay West from the towns of Castlegar; Glade; Trail; Riondel; Proctor; Fernie; Rossland; Crawford Bay; Argenta; Nelson; Salmo; Burton; Winlan; Fruitvale and Nakusp. Also there is a petition from the board of directors and regional representatives of Media-Watch.

I would like to thank them all, and indeed the many hundreds of people who have sent in petitions in support of this Bill.

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg-St. James): Madam Speaker, I have a number of petitions touching on the same subject as the Private Members' Bill which will be introduced today by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Broadview-Greenwood (Ms. McDonald). These petitions come out of an information meeting held by the women's movement in Winnipeg for the general public, and they call upon Parliament to act to stop the abuse consisting of pictorial representations that affect women in this country.

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from residents of Spadina, Ontario, on the matter to be debated this afternoon, namely an Act to oppose the denigration of women by amending the Broadcast Act as introduced by the Hon. Member for Broadview-Greenwood (Ms. McDonald) on March 8, 1983, and as in duty bound your petitioners ever pray.

tion (Mr. Nielsen) were indeed the same concerns that I had. I am pleased to hear the House Leader (Mr. Pinard) indicate that the text which we have had an opportunity to peruse and approve is in fact the text that will appear in *Hansard*. We are very pleased to give our consent.

Mr. Bill Yurko (Edmonton East): Madam Speaker, I have been consulted on this matter by the Government House Leader and he has provided me with a copy of the resolution.

I have categorically stated my views on this very important matter in my speech on the Constitution on March 10, 1981, and again under Standing Order 21 on May 26, 1983, both of which are recorded in *Hansard*. I wholeheartedly give my consent to the resolution that is presented to the House today.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent of the House?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion (Mr. Pinard) agreed to.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

CONGRATULATIONS TO LECH WALESA, 1983 RECIPIENT

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think you will find that there is unanimous agreement, after consultation with all Parties, to the following motion. I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens) and the Hon. Member for Parkdale-High Park (Mr. Flis):

That this House conveys to Lech Walesa our congratulations on behalf of the people of Canada on his being named the recipient of this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for this motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

POINT OF ORDER

MR. DEANS-WITHDRAWAL OF UNPARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, last evening it was brought to my attention that the record of yesterday's debate indicated that I had, during a heated exchange with the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde), called the Minister of Finance a liar. I know the rules of parliamentary debate. I recognize that this word is not acceptable parliamentary language, regardless of the circumstances or my personal view, and I withdraw it.