

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, June 7, 1988

The House met at 11 a.m.

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*Prayers*

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## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

#### BILL C-61—PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Chairman of the legislative committee for Bill C-61, an Act to amend the Criminal Code, the Food and Drugs Act, and the Narcotic Control Act, I have the honour to present Bill C-61 to this House with amendments.

[Translation]

#### STRIKING COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF SIXTY-THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the sixty-third report of the Striking Committee.

[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

### PETITIONS

#### PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey—Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, it is a great pleasure for me to present a petition from Vancouver, British Columbia, with 10,000 signatures. The petitioners unanimously believe in the rights of all unborn children and vigorously oppose the killing of such innocent human life through abortion.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to pass immediately legislation that will protect the unborn child from the moment of conception. I agree wholeheartedly with this most humanitarian request.

[Translation]

**Mr. Claude Lanthier (LaSalle):** Mr. Speaker, it is my bounden duty to table before this august Chamber a serious petition from some 2,000 citizens of LaSalle, Ville-Émard and Montreal who demand that our responsible government legislate as soon as possible to protect children's lives from the moment of conception.

[English]

#### CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 106. The petitions are signed by residents of Winnipeg. The petitioners state that the Conservative Government had no mandate from the Canadian people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States; and whereas the proposed trade agreement not only denies Canadians secure access to the U.S. market, which was the key objective in these negotiations, but it threatens the loss of hundreds of thousands of Canadian jobs.

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement in a national general election.

#### PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, through the courtesy of the Hon. Member for Grey—Simcoe (Mr. Mitges), it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of more than 2,100 people from the Province of British Columbia. The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to pass immediately legislation that will protect the unborn child from the moment of conception, as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

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#### CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and, indeed, a duty and a privilege to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 106 on behalf of quite a host of constituents. They believe that the Conservative Government lacks a mandate from the people of Canada to conclude a trade deal with the United States. They believe that in the course of the negotiations Canadian sovereignty has been compromised. They also believe that, essentially, we have lost our control as a country to build a society distinct from that of the United States of America.