

signers are asking that the program be reinstated since it has been so helpful to many young people in the past and could help others who would also like to take advantage of that excellent program.

[English]

ABORTION LAWS

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have three petitions to present, all from the constituency of Essex-Windsor, all expressing concern with the abortion laws in this country and indicating their unhappiness with the state of implementation of those laws in Ontario.

[Translation]

REINSTATEMENT OF KATIMAVIK PROGRAM

M. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, I also have eight petitions from hundreds of people throughout Quebec who ask that the decision to cancel Katimavik be reconsidered. These petitions have been certified and they are in order.

Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, I also have nine petitions with many signatures. The petitioners state that the Katimavik program has been a success, both as concerns the training received by the 20,000 young participants in the program during the last ten years, and the major community projects undertaken by these young volunteers in Canadian municipalities during this same period.

The petitioners ask the Parliament of Canada to reconsider the decision to cancel Katimavik.

[English]

I have as well four other petitions containing the names of approximately 130 or 140 petitioners. The petitioners state that in the opinion of the friends of Katimavik, the federal Government's decision to cancel the youth program Katimavik is a short-sighted budgetary measure at the expense of Canadian youth. The petitioners request the Conservative Government of Canada to reinstate with full funding the Katimavik program for the young people of Canada.

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, I was just counting the pages and found that there are over 30 pages with 30 signatures per page in one petition which has been duly authorized. I have the privilege to present this petition which deals with the fact that the cancellation of the Katimavik program which helped thousands of young Canadians develop social skills and employment options while providing them an opportunity to do useful community work in different regions of Canada has brought serious concern to parents and they ask Your Honour to please consider reinstating the Katimavik program.

[Translation]

I have a petition from the undersigned who humbly state that the Katimavik program gives young Canadians an opportunity to become more familiar with their country and the

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language and culture of its citizens. They therefore humbly ask Parliament to reconsider the decision to cancel Katimavik. The undersigned come from Sainte-Claire, Île-des-Sœurs, Matane, Beauceville, Lac-Beauport, Stanton, Saint-Nazaire, Saint-Camille, Saint-Georges, Saint-Odilon, Richelieu, Saint-Malachie, Saint-Léon, Kitchener, Waterloo, Orangeville, Sidney, Vernon, St. John, Moncton, Calgary, Vancouver, Kitchener, Île-d'Orléans—

[English]

The petitioners all request consideration of this drastic measure as do the people of Antigonish, Springfield, Halifax, etc.

[Translation]

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent): Mr. Speaker, I also have the honour to present a few petitions from residents of Buckingham, Pointe-Gatineau, Touraine, Ottawa, Hull, Rural Road No. 2, Belcourt, Riverview, New Brunswick, Wolfville in Nova Scotia, Kemptville in Nova Scotia, Liverpool in Nova Scotia, and Sussex in New Brunswick. Mr. Speaker, the petitioners deplore the Government's decision to end the Katimavik program and humbly call upon the Government to reconsider its decision.

[English]

Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions signed by hundreds of Canadian residents from various parts of the country pointing out that the cancellation of the program Katimavik was a short-sighted measure by the Government and calling on the Government for full restoration of the program Katimavik on behalf of young people all across Canada who are in very grave danger of becoming a national tragedy.

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COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT— AUTHORIZATION TO TRAVEL

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, there are three items that I would ask to be dealt with by the House now and these items will be dealt with on the basis of discussions between Parties. Agreements have been arrived at with respect to the orders.

The first deals with an order with respect to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and I think you would find a disposition to receive by unanimous consent and have passed without debate the following order:

That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development be empowered to travel to the Sechelt Indian Reserve in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon during the period April 20, 1986, to May 2, 1986, and that the necessary staff accompany the committee.