

The Address

the workers at Base Moncton who are petitioning the government to maintain the depot facilities that are there.

THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, second, it is my obligation to introduce certain petitions pursuant to Standing Order 36 dealing with language and referendums.

SERIAL KILLER BOARD GAMES

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I rise to present a petition on behalf of constituents and people of my province. They ask that government ban the sale of the serial killer board game and prevent any other such game or material from being made available in this country.

Mr. Paul DeVillers (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, I have a similar petition signed by my constituents in Simcoe North. It deals with the importation of the serial killer cards. It denounces the sale and the importation of these cards into Canada.

I am cognizant of the danger of restricting freedom of expression in a democratic society, but nevertheless I must endorse this petition and its denouncement of the glorification of the horrors of these crimes particularly when one considers that many of the victims of these killers are women and children.

• (1010)

The Speaker: My colleagues, with unanimous agreement, may we revert to private members' bills for one moment?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA ACT

Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-201, an act to amend the Parliament of Canada Act (oath or solemn affirmation).

He said: Mr. Speaker, it is a great honour for me to present a bill amending the Parliament of Canada Act so that from now on members would make an oath of allegiance not only to the Queen but also to the country, Canada and the Constitution.

(Motion deemed adopted, bill read the first time and printed.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed from January 19 consideration of the motion for an address to His Excellency the Governor General in reply to his Speech at the opening of the session; and of the amendment; and the amendment to the amendment.

Mrs. Ablonczy: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Pursuant to Standing Order 43(2), I would advise the Chair that Reform members speaking in this debate will be dividing their time. For each 20-minute time period two speakers will speak for 10 minutes each for the rest of this debate on the throne speech.

The Speaker: The notification is duly recorded.

[Translation]

Mr. Duceppe: Mr. Speaker, I suppose that the five minutes for questions and comments will follow right after the first ten minutes and not come at the end.

The Speaker: Yes, usually that is the case. Today it will be that way as well.

[English]

Hon. Ralph E. Goodale (Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food): Mr. Speaker, I am very honoured to join in this debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne at the beginning of a brand new Parliament and the beginning of the mandate of our new government.

In that government I am very grateful to have the opportunity to represent the people of Regina—Wascana. I want to thank them for the trust they vested in me in the election of October 25.

Regina—Wascana includes the southern half of the city of Regina and a rural area running south and east from the city. I am proud to represent Saskatchewan's provincial capital, together with several thousand rural residents. I would note that most of the rural voters now in Regina—Wascana were previously in a Saskatchewan constituency known in earlier Parliaments as Assiniboia which I had the honour to represent in this House in the 1970s. I am pleased that a respected friend and colleague from that earlier Parliament has been chosen by this House as its chief presiding officer. I also want to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, upon your election to this high responsibility.

I want to pay tribute to the two distinguished members who moved and seconded the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. They are representative of the diversity, strength