

Routine Proceedings

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I rise to present a petition on behalf of students throughout the country.

They humbly beg Parliament, in co-operation with the provinces, to establish Canada-wide standardized tests.

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Madam Speaker, I have the privilege to present two petitions this morning. One is signed by a number of residents in my riding of Surrey North in which they condemn the government's action of closing the immigration office and moving it to Vancouver.

They point out that it will mean poorer service in that people will have to travel into Vancouver. It also means the loss of jobs within the community. They ask the government to reverse its decision.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Madam Speaker, the second petition is signed by a large number of people, mainly seniors who are concerned about the dramatic increase in drug prices since the government has basically wiped out the competitiveness of generic drugs.

They call upon the government to rescind both Bill C-91 and Bill C-22.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, some 32 constituents from Parkdale—High Park have asked me to table a petition in the honourable House of Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled.

The petitioners indicate that the Government of Canada has enacted legislation providing for two official languages, English and French, and the major political parties of Canada acted in concert in the aforesaid matters without consulting with or receiving a mandate from the people of Canada.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to enact legislation providing for a referendum of the people binding upon Parliament to accept or reject two official languages, English and French, for the government and the people of Canada, and the acceptance or rejection of the proposed amendments to be determined by a majority

vote of the total votes cast in the whole of Canada, together with a majority vote in a majority of provinces with the territories being given the status of one province.

I know, Madam Speaker, you are looking at this petition with some disapproval, but as you know whether members of Parliament agree with petitions or not, they are bound to table them on behalf of their constituents.

CHILD CARE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Madam Speaker, in the first instance I have petitioners who ask the government to allow child care deductions from income where families have special needs children. This is particularly important for single parent families with special needs children. Very often these families have no choice but to use services and facilities which are extremely costly.

The petitioners feel that the current laws are unfair, insensitive, and can in fact be discriminatory. They ask the government to review the legislation.

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Madam Speaker, in the second instance I have petitioners who want child care facilities for workers who need such facilities. They want a reform of the unemployment insurance rules to ensure that there is no abuse of workers. They want the government to create situations favourable for jobs for the unemployed and for those who are on social assistance.

They would like the government to promote in-home jobs for mothers and fathers who want them. They want the government to consult the people in future budgets.

EDUCATION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Madam Speaker, finally I have a petition from petitioners who ask that there be standardized tests in Canada. They feel that this would be better for all Canadians.

There is an underlying question here or feeling that Canadians ought to be able to move from one area to another whatever their age level, whatever their credentials, and that those ought to be acceptable to other jurisdictions. That is a fundamental issue.