

Routine Proceedings

The petitioners call upon this government to correct the injustice associated with gasoline prices here in Ottawa as well as in other parts of Canada.

[*Translation*]

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I wish to table a petition in which your petitioners call upon Parliament to ensure no inappropriate language is used or acts of violence are displayed on radio or television. They say that often what they see and hear undermines the way they are trying to raise their families.

They also stressed it was unnecessary to use inappropriate language or to encourage acts of violence in order to inform people, in either official language.

[*English*]

CANADA STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I also have a petition from petitioners in Saskatchewan who are part of the Canadian Federation of Students which represents over 450,000 students across Canada. They ask the government to remove the 3 per cent tax on student loans and not to permit Bill C-76, which would add 6 months interest, to go through.

They also ask the government to be particularly cautious about transferring the student aid program to banks. They would like to have a role to play in it. If that is going to happen they would actually prefer to see it abolished.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Finally, Mr. Speaker, I have another petition that asks the government to seriously consider the withdrawal of the GST on books and reading materials.

They point out that there has never been such a tax and it is contrary to what we want in a democratic society such as ours. As well it runs contrary to objectives such as increased productivity and competitiveness.

[*Translation*]

VIOLENCE

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I would like to table a petition from residents of Amos, Saint-Félix, Saint-Dominique-du-Rosaire, Senneterre, Rivière-Héva, Saint-Mathieu and Val d'Or, in the riding of Abitibi, who say that films depicting violence on television are dangerous and therefore unacceptable because they act as a stimulus for violent behaviour.

The petition also says that all toys that incite children to play violent games are unacceptable and their manufacture should be banned. It is also pointed out that the repeated broadcasting of news about acts of violence on television, on all channels, and on radio may act as a stimulus for further identical violent behaviour.

Therefore your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to pass the appropriate legislation in order to eliminate violence in our society and thus protect our children and give all citizens a better quality of life.

[*English*]

BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

Mr. Joe McGuire (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I have a duly certified petition from Egmont residents concerned with the oppression of Bosnian women.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the government to initiate an international team to investigate the atrocities of rape camps and to ensure that all such camps be dismantled and that a series of rehabilitation programs be put into place by the Bosnian government to assist the victims of rape camps.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Brian O'Kurley (Elk Island): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I have the honour and privilege to present six petitions today which include the names of hundreds of constituents in and around the riding of Elk Island, from such places as Sherwood Park, Fort Saskatchewan, Edmonton and the surrounding area.

In excess of 3,000 people have signed petitions asking Parliament to strengthen or replace the Young Offenders Act with legislation that will be a stronger deterrent to youth crime.