

[English]

MR. RIIS—IMPORTATION AND CAPTURE OF KILLER WHALES

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table before the assembled Members of Canada's House of Commons a petition on behalf of the undersigned residents of British Columbia, who urge a ban on the importation and capture of killer whales for display at aquariums across Canada. At present, killer whales die and are replaced at a frightening rate for entertainment and profit. The petitioners request the House to revoke existing permits for their importation and capture and to cease immediately the issuance of further permits.

Finally, the petitioners urge the House to reject the killer whales' forced role as circus performers and encourage us all to direct our attention and energy toward their protection in a natural environment.

MR. BLAIKIE—ELIMINATION OF LEAD ADDITIVES IN GASOLINE

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of 622 Canadians from Manitoba, British Columbia and Ontario who are all members of the National Survival Institute and note that the practice of adding lead to gasoline is the leading source of high levels of lead in the Canadian environment and that exposure to lead in all but very small amounts is known to be hazardous to human health, especially in young children and in the unborn child, affecting brain development and intelligence and causing behavioural disturbance. Therefore, the petitioners call upon the House to provide legislation which calls for the total elimination of lead additives to gasoline in Canada and to ensure that safe, economic alternatives which are known to exist are provided.

MRS. COSSITT—DISTRIBUTION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

**Mrs. Jennifer Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition to the House of Commons in Parliament assembled. The petition of the 398 undersigned students and teachers of South Grenville District High School in my constituency of Leeds-Grenville, who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right thus to present a grievance common to your petitioners in the certain assurance that your Honourable House will therefore provide a remedy, humbly sheweth that those persons who distribute pornographic material should meet their legal responsibility and also ensure that they obey the laws concerning the selling of pornographic material to young people.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, as in duty bound humbly pray.

*Order Paper Questions*

**THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED**

ACCESS TO HOUSE OF COMMONS GALLERIES

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Madam Speaker, I wish to raise a question of privilege. During the Question Period, the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Pepin) raised the matter of the access of handicapped people to the House. He did so by pointing out there were handicapped people in the gallery. This is largely due to the efforts of the Speaker in the Thirty-first Parliament—

● (1510)

**Madam Speaker:** Order. That is not a question of privilege and the Hon. Member knows that. If he wants to make a statement on these matters he can use the 15-minute segment before the Question Period. This is certainly not a question of privilege; it is simply continuing debate.

**Mr. Waddell:** I simply wanted to thank him, Madam Speaker.

**Madam Speaker:** Thank you are not in order either.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,644, 4,750, 4,821, 4,828, 4,844, 4,845, 4,865, 4,871, 4,905 and 4,957.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—PERSON-YEARS IN MAIN ESTIMATES

Question No. 4,644—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. How many person-years were approved for the Department of Finance in the Main Estimates for the fiscal year 1982-83 and what is the direct cost to the taxpayer attributable to those person-years?

2. Were increases in (a) person-years (b) costs attributable to increases in person-years approved in Supplementary Estimates during the fiscal year 1982-83 and, if so (i) what were such increases (ii) for what reason did the Minister of Finance feel such additional assistance was needed by him in a time of restraint?

3. Were any advisors who were responsible for the November, 1981 budget released by the Department and, if so, how many?

**Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of State (Finance)):** 1. Seven hundred and ten person-years were approved for the Department of Finance in the 1982-83 Main Estimates, salaries and wages and employee benefit plans attributable to these person-years totalled \$27,977,000.

2. (i) A total increase of 48 person-years was approved in Supplementary Estimates, 1982-83. Costs attributable to these person-years totalled \$1,697,000.

(ii) Of the 48 person-years included in Supplementary Estimates, three person-years were required to establish a small