

Routine Proceedings

IMMIGRATION

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by a large number of people from Surrey which points out that family class and assisted relatives have always been an historically important part of immigration into Canada because they have relatives that can assist them with employment, housing and learning Canadian language and customs.

The petitioners point out that the present proposals of this government would severely restrict family class and assisted relatives from obtaining immigration visas. They ask the government to change their priorities so that family class and assisted relatives are assured first priority in immigration into Canada.

BILL C-91

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have this opportunity to bring before this House a petition signed by a number of Canadian citizens who are extremely angry that Bill C-22 should have been introduced in the first place. This bill erodes the Canadian institution of compulsory licensing which provided inexpensive drugs. We are now confronted with Bill C-91.

In short, the petitioners ask that Bill C-91 be withdrawn and Bill C-22 be revoked.

It is a pleasure to submit this petition because my party and I support that view.

CANADA POST

Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from my riding at Raymore which points out that post offices are the backbone of many rural communities.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to support Canada's rural way of life by supporting the maintenance of rural post offices and postal services and to reject the Conservative agenda of cutbacks and closures of those services.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a couple of petitions here, one which is from many people in my riding of Simcoe Centre. These petitioners request that Parliament revise the laws of Canada to replace the Young Offenders Act with an updated

juvenile delinquents act with a lowered maximum age of 13 years.

PROUD TO BE CANADIAN

Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre): Mr. Speaker, the second petition indicates that it is appropriate to encourage all Canadians to take pride in a united, strong and independent Canada. Canadians are normally a reserved people, often concealing their patriotic feelings. Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Canada have created an opportunity for all Canadians to participate in the Proud to be Canadian project during the celebration of the 125th anniversary of Confederation in 1992.

Therefore the undersigned hereby support the Proud to be Canadian project as an opportunity to nurture a positive life-long relationship with our heritage and our flag, to encourage stronger ties among all Canadians for the further advancement of Canada as a leader in world circles, and to promote our tremendous pride in being Canadians.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): According to the rule, the time provided for presenting petitions has now expired.

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• (1530)

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 348, 363, 370, 392, 394, 397 and 399.

[Text]

Question No. 348—**Mr. Young (Acadie—Bathurst):**

Since 1985 to the present, with respect to the Department of Supply and Services (a) how many contracts through the department in excess of \$100,000 have been awarded as sole source (b) how many contracts in total were awarded from the department and what was the total dollar value per year?

Hon. Paul Wyatt Dick (Minister of Supply and Services): (a) With respect to contracts in excess of \$100,000 which have been sole sourced, 18,238 contracts were awarded through Supply and Services Canada (SSC) since 1985.