

They call upon Parliament to take the actions necessary to reaffirm its commitment to seek the elimination of poverty among children in Canada by the year 2000 and to develop a plan for the implementation of this commitment.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Madam Speaker, it is my duty and privilege to table in the House two petitions signed by 72 of my constituents in Fraser Valley East, and more specifically in the Chilliwack and Sardis area.

They call on the government to take the necessary steps to provide a national referendum on the subject of the official languages of Canada.

VIOLENCE

Hon. Shirley Martin (Lincoln): Madam Speaker, it is my honour and privilege to present two petitions on behalf of the constituents of Lincoln and the towns of Jordan, Vineland, Beamsville, Grimsby, Stoney Creek and surrounding areas. The petitions concern the killer cards and the serial killer board games that are entering this country.

In the first petition the petitioners request Parliament to consider amending the Criminal Code of Canada so that violent and degrading materials such as the serial killer board game can be kept from distribution in Canada.

In the second petition the petitioners ask that we amend the laws of Canada to prohibit the importation, distribution, sale and manufacture of killer cards in law and to advise producers of killer cards that their product, if destined for Canada, will be seized and destroyed.

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a similar petition.

It calls on Parliament to consider amending the Criminal Code of Canada so that violent and degrading material such as the serial killer board game and the mass murder trading cards can be kept from being distributed in Canada.

Routine Proceedings

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Madam Speaker, I also have a petition from a number of petitioners throughout the province of British Columbia.

They call on Parliament to not proceed with Bill C-91—it is a little late for that—and to repeal Bill C-22, which was passed in 1987, so that Canadians will have full benefit from lower priced generic drugs and provincial and private drug plans can serve Canadians without being forced to charge higher fees and/or to provide less coverage.

JUSTICE

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Madam Speaker, I also have a petition from people throughout the province of British Columbia. Thousands of names have been presented in the past on this petition.

It is presented in memory of Dawn Shaw, a six-year old girl who was murdered and sexually assaulted in my riding. It calls for a number of changes in the criminal justice system and in the way that sexual offenders are handled through the justice system or when being released from prison so that they can be monitored in the community.

The petitioners, in memory of Dawn Shaw, request that Parliament enact legislation to change the justice system to provide greater protection for children from sexual assault and to assure the conviction of offenders.

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PEACE TRUST FUND

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to table in the House petitions signed by 1,253 Canadians from Saskatchewan, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Vancouver Island, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Kitchener, Niagara, Elmira and many other communities in Canada.

The petitioners call on the Parliament of Canada to establish a peace trust fund which would allow Canadian taxpayers, who for reasons of conscience or religion, choose to direct a portion of their taxes paid to the government away from military uses and to a fund which would use the resources so directed for peace education, research, humanitarian aid and other peaceful purposes.