

*Routine Proceedings*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Cadieux (for the Minister of National Health and Welfare) moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

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**HOUSE OF COMMONS****REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING**

**Mr. Ray Skelly (North Island—Powell River):** What I would like to do, Mr. Speaker, is introduce a motion on behalf of myself and the hon. member for Comox—Alberni on electronic voting for the House of Commons.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I regret there is not unanimous consent.

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**PETITIONS****COURT CHALLENGES PROGRAM**

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions that I would like to table pursuant to Standing Order 36. These petitions have been signed by Canadians across this country who are objecting to the government's decision to cancel the Court Challenges Program.

This particular program has allowed many individuals and minority groups to clarify through the courts their constitutional linguistic and equality rights.

They call upon the Government of Canada to rescind this decision and reinstate the Court Challenges Program. Some of these individuals come from Kingston,

Ontario, and others come from New Brunswick, Newfoundland, the other Atlantic provinces, the Western provinces, Ontario and Quebec.

**FISHERIES**

**Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 wherein the petitioners ask the federal government to do everything in its power to stop drift-net fishing in the north Pacific ocean.

They point out that an ecological disaster is being perpetrated by Japanese, Korean and Taiwanese drift-net fishing fleets in the north Pacific. Sea birds and marine mammals are being slaughtered by the thousands in the monofilament drift-nets used by the above mentioned fleets.

The west coast salmon fishery is being damaged by this fishing practice. There is also a great possibility of this practice having a horrendous effect on the global ecosystem and our own environment. The petitioners call upon Parliament to do everything it can to stop this.

**CANADIAN UNITY**

**Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan):** Mr. Speaker, I have a another petition signed by people primarily in the Ladysmith area of my riding.

The petition is to promote pride in being Canadian. Whereas it is appropriate to encourage all Canadians to take pride in a united, strong and independent Canada, whereas Canadians are normally a reserved people often concealing their patriotic feelings, and whereas Kinsmen and Kinnette 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 petitioners support the proud to be Canadian project as an opportunity to nurture a positive lifelong relationship with our heritage and our flag, to encourage stronger ties among all Canadians and the advancement of Canada as a leader in world circles, and to promote tremendous pride in being Canadians.