

Routine Proceedings

WATER DIVERSION

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure to table in the House today, under Standing Order 36, a petition signed primarily by the residents of Valemount, B.C. in my riding who are concerned about the whole question of water exports to the United States.

They have reason to be concerned because a water diversion project just south of that community is currently under consideration. These petitioners encourage and hope that the Canadian government will ensure that there will not be any large scale diversion of water to the United States.

WESTRAY MINE

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is my privilege and honour to present a large number of petitions calling upon Parliament to encourage the Governor General of Canada to recognize the bravery of the draegermen who sought to recover the bodies of the 26 miners who were trapped in the tragic explosion of May 9 in the Westray in Nova Scotia.

Shortly after that explosion, I wrote to the Governor General asking him to confer these medals of bravery. My request was supported by my colleague, the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond, in whose constituency many of these draegermen reside.

Since that time under the leadership of Shirley Day Comish, the wife of one of the draegermen, and with the assistance of the Tim Horton stores across the province of Nova Scotia, a large number of petitions were collected calling upon the Governor General to confer these medals of bravery as quickly as possible.

I am pleased to present these petitions to the House of Commons today.

BILL C-268

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, I have a petition which I am very happy to present to the House of Commons.

A number of residents of Canada have signed this petition to draw the attention of the House to the fact

that they wish to designate a day of recognition of Canada's original inhabitants to honour native cultures.

Therefore, they call upon Parliament to enact Bill C-268, an act respecting a national solidarity day for the first nations of Canada.

Mr. Jack Whittaker (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt): Madam Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition on behalf of a number of Canadians mostly from Manitoba.

These Canadians wish to designate a day of recognition for Canada's original inhabitants to honour our native cultures and suggest that June 21 is an appropriate day to recognize our first nations.

They call upon Parliament to enact Bill C-268, an act respecting a national solidarity day for the first nations of Canada.

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[*Translation*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): I ask, Madam Speaker, that all questions be allowed to stand.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Shall all questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[*English*]

Mr. Dingwall: Madam Speaker, on a point of order with regard to an exchange in Question Period which I would like to raise with the parliamentary secretary to the government House leader.

It concerns a situation by the United Nations Security Council to send a U.S. led military force to Somalia and the request which was made by my colleague to the minister to seek an emergency debate.

I think some letters have been exchanged by the critic from the Official Opposition and the minister responsible. The minister did say in the House that House leaders would be having subsequent discussions. In view of the parliamentary calendar which is to come to a close on December 11, I am wondering if the parliamentary secretary could take under advisement the suggestion that perhaps Monday evening of next week there might be a disposition for us to have a debate on this important