

Routine Proceedings

have the equipment and the financial wherewithal to try to combat those forces in a successful way.

I present that petition and hopefully the Solicitor General will amend the Narcotics Control Act to do just that.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, I have the duty and the honour today to present a petition in memory of Ryan Garrioch. These are petitioners from the province of Alberta and the province of British Columbia who petition this Parliament to 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.

IRAQ

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present two petitions. The first one has been signed by some 314 persons from the cities of Castlegar, Nelson and Trail and some 13 other communities throughout my constituency of Kootenay West—Revelstoke.

The petitioners state as Canadians, we have a deep concern for the suffering of Iraqi children. The United Nations and NGO reports tell of a million children at risk from malnutrition and diseases for which there is no medicine.

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Therefore, your petitioners request that Parliament instruct the government to take an initiative at the UN to have the sanctions imposed on Iraq modified sufficiently to both allow the necessary amounts of food and medicine to reach these children in an unrestricted fashion and also allow for the reconstruction of those elements of Iraq's infrastructure crucial to meeting the human needs of that country's suffering civilian population.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, the second petition, under the provisions of Standing Order 36, is signed by a number of signatories from 12 communities throughout my constituency. The undersigned residents of Canada draw to the attention of the House that there has been a promise from the government to freeze unemployment insurance

premium rates for three years and that the recent cumulative increases to UI premiums are unfair and insensitive to small businesses during hard economic times. Further, job losses due to business closures would further impair the chances for a full economic recovery in Canada. Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to freeze unemployment insurance premium rates for one year.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

Mr. Al Johnson (Calgary North): Madam Speaker, I have the honour and duty under Standing Order 36 to present a petition to the House today from a number of residents of Calgary in memory of Ryan Garrioch and these petitioners request that Parliament revise the laws of Canada to replace the Young Offenders Act with an updated juvenile delinquents act with a lower minimum age of 13 years.

AIRPORT NOISE

Mr. Al Johnson (Calgary North): Madam Speaker, I also present a second petition on a different issue. This is from hundreds of my constituents who ask that the Minister of Transport change the flight direction from runway 28 back to its original line of flight to prevent noise in their area.

I presented a petition previously on the other side of this issue. I would simply ask the Minister of Transport to try to develop a sensitive solution that protects all of my constituents from airport noise.

HOUSING

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre): Madam Speaker, as you see, my colleagues here are all concerned about the co-operative housing program cut.

On December 17, 1991 the government stated in a news release an increase in the budget of \$6.1 million for 1992. However, on February 25, 1992 the co-operative housing program was cancelled altogether by the government. The co-operative housing program was highly successful in creating healthy, mixed income communities.

I join with my constituents in calling on Parliament to urge the government to immediately reinstate the federal co-operative housing program and to commit the \$6.1 million that it already committed previously and cancelled to the program which had been planned for 1992