

Routine Proceedings

lent movies on television are dangerous and therefore unacceptable, because they incite more violence; that all toys that incite violent games are unacceptable and should not be made.

Information on violent acts that is repeated too often on all television stations and on radio can incite others to commit the same acts of violence.

Therefore the petitioners humbly ask Parliament to legislate on the above-mentioned points to eliminate violence in our society and thus better protect our children and give all our fellow citizens a better quality of life.

[*English*]

HEALTH CARE

Mr. Raymond Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from thousands of health care providers, nurses who live on the Sunshine Coast in Powell River, British Columbia.

They ask the government to incorporate the principles of health care into the Canadian Constitution, to reaffirm the shared responsibility for financing the health care system between the provincial and federal governments, to establish a national arm's length monitoring system to ensure the implementation of interprovincial agreements and enforce those agreements where necessary under federal legislation.

[*Translation*]

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Phillip Edmonston (Chambly): Mr. Speaker, I am very proud to present to this hon. House, pursuant to Standing Order 36, a petition from Canadians concerning Haitians who for more than 50 years have been forced to take part in an illegal trade in Haitian workers between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Human beings are sold like cattle, confined in *bateys* and made to cut sugar cane in conditions that violate human rights.

I think this petition is very appropriate today.

[*English*]

SOFTWOOD LUMBER

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of presenting a petition from several hundred constituents drawing the House's attention to the fact that the United States has unfairly imposed a duty on our softwood lumber exports to that country and has engaged in numerous other trade practices which amount to harassment to Canadian producers.

They also note that the free trade agreement between Canada and the United States has resulted in lost jobs and the devastation of the Canadian economy while not providing the promised benefits.

Therefore they call upon Parliament to request that the Prime Minister and the minister responsible for international trade take any action necessary to defend the interests of the Canadian softwood lumber industry against unfair duties and also to request that Parliament act immediately to effect the cancellation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the privilege to present to Parliament petitions signed by hundreds of constituents. They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to accept legislation designed to eliminate violence against women and children.

They want to encourage and support women to report incidents of assault or abuse, provide assistance and support for women reporting assault or abuse, and provide relief and support to women as mothers to protect their children.

We need legislation to emphasize the need for abuser rehabilitation and we must concentrate a special effort on training of police, lawyers, court workers and judges to become knowledgeable about women and child abuse and to focus public attention on this very important and long ignored problem.

BILL C-91

Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to present a petition, duly authorized under Standing Order 36, from many of my constituents in Saskatoon. They point out that the Mulroney govern-