

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Madam Speaker, I take this opportunity to present today a petition collected by a constituent in my riding of York West whose name is Robert Swannick. He lives in the south part of the riding.

He has circulated a petition among friends and neighbours urging the government and Parliament to call a referendum on the whole question of bilingualism and to allow the voices of Canadians to be heard on this very important issue.

According to the petitioners, the acceptance or rejection of the proposed amendments should be determined by a majority vote of the total votes cast in the whole of Canada, together with a majority vote in the majority of provinces with the territories being given the status of one province.

PARLIAMENTARY EMPLOYMENT AND STAFF RELATIONS ACT

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke): Madam Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 with two petitions, which are the latest in a series of petitions presented by me and my colleagues in the New Democratic Party.

The two petitions are signed by approximately 75 Canadians from the Ottawa–Hull area. Without going into all the formalities because the House is familiar with them, the petitioners call on Parliament to press the government to finally, after some seven years, move to proclaim parts II and III of the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act.

HEALTH CARE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Madam Speaker, the petitioners ask for a commitment to a comprehensive national health care program. They want the discontinuation of current freezes and reductions in the

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funding formula for health and post-secondary education.

They want new agreements on health through consultation and negotiation. They want a reaffirmation of the commitment to the guarantees of the Canada Health Act to Canadians of universal, accessible, comprehensive and portable health care delivered by public non-profit means and free of user fees or extra billing.

They want the withdrawal of Bill C-91 that gives brand name drugs a 20-year market monopoly. They want provisions for the production of low-priced generic substitutions.

[Translation]

They ask for the preservation of medicare in Canada.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 488 and 499.

[Text]

Question No. 488—**Mr. Proud:**

With respect to the recent announcement of the re-establishment of a naval reserve base in Charlottetown (a) has Treasury Board given final approval to this project and, if so, what is the breakdown of funds and, if not, when is approval expected (b) how many trainees will there be and what type of training will they receive (c) how many instructors are needed (d) how many full-time jobs will be created (e) has an area of Charlottetown been designated and (i) if so, which areas were chosen, for what reasons was it chosen and what was the cost of the land (ii) if not, which areas are being considered (f) has a firm been awarded a contract and (i) if so, which one and by which process hired (ii) if not, when will bids be taken for the project and what are the provisions for obtaining details on the architecture, design and engineering requirements for the facilities?

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. (a) On 11 February 1993 Treasury Board provided the following approval for the Naval Reserve Division Charlottetown project at a total capital cost of 18.5 million budget year dollars.