

Petitions

Government of Canada to use Petro-Canada as the tool to drag down prices.

REINSTATEMENT OF KATIMAVIK PROGRAM

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I have several petitions. The first is addressed to—

[*Translation*]

—that the Katimavik program has been a success both in respect of the training of 20,000 young people who took part over these last ten years and of the significant community work done by those young volunteers in Canadian communities during that period.

[*English*]

It is asking the Government to reinstate this program.

I have another petition which humbly sheweth that in the opinion of the Friends of Katimavik the federal Government's decision to cancel the youth program Katimavik is a short-sighted budgetary measure taken at the expense of Canadian youth and that the Katimavik Program helped thousands of young Canadians develop social skills and employment options while providing an opportunity to do useful community work in different regions of Canada.

I have another petition signed by several dozen friends of Katimavik. It states that all Canadians will be the lesser for the loss of a program that gave young men and women a chance to fulfil their potential and show leadership while helping others. "Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon the House of Commons to reinstate with full funding the Katimavik Program for the young people of Canada." I think it is particularly appropriate on the last day of the House before Easter that it states—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: It was not signed by the Hon. Member for Shefford (Mr. Lapierre).

PRICE OF GASOLINE

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane-Superior): Mr. Speaker, thank you for recognizing me a second time. I have two further petitions which have just arrived. They have been duly certified. One of the petitions is from the community of Nakina, Ontario. It has 25 signatures and asks that the House assembled take action regarding the unprecedented high level of gasoline prices in view of the change in world prices for petroleum.

WATERCRAFT LICENSING FEE

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane-Superior): Mr. Speaker, the second petition I have is signed by 324 residents of northern Ontario who ask the House assembled to reconsider that part of Bill C-75 which will impose a licensing fee on individual

watercraft whereby no services are being provided by federal Government with respect to these watercraft.

Mr. Speaker: Do I have the unanimous consent of the House to revert for one moment to Presenting Reports from Committees?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Lévis (Mr. Fontaine).

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[*Translation*]

COMMUNICATIONS AND CULTURE

PRESENTATION OF THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture on Bill C-19, an Act respecting the reorganization of Bell Canada, in both official languages.

[*Editor's Note: For above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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[*English*]

PETITIONS

REINSTATEMENT OF KATIMAVIK PROGRAM

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I have five petitions signed by several hundred Canadian citizens. The petitioners call the Government's cancellation of the Katimavik program a short-sighted budgetary measure as a result of which Canadians in general will be the losers. They are calling upon the House of Commons to reinstate full funding to the Katimavik program.

● (1530)

[*Translation*]

Mr. Alain Tardif (Richmond-Wolfe): Mr. Speaker, I also have the honour to present a whole set of petitions dealing of course with Katimavik.

To be brief, I have divided the petitions into three groups. The first group includes petitioners from the Montreal metropolitan area who praise the excellent results of the Katimavik program and would like it to be restored.

I also have a group of petitions coming from the metropolitan area of Quebec City and once again the signers ask for the restoration of the Katimavik program which has proved successful during the past ten years.

And, finally, Mr. Speaker, I have a group of petitions coming from the Ottawa area and here again hundreds of