

*Routine Proceedings*  
PORT OF CHURCHILL

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by residents of many communities in Saskatchewan: Gladmar, Lake Alma, Buyea, Tribune, Outlook, Climax, Bracken, Orkney, Dinsmore, Beechy, Wiseton, Stony Beach, Moose Jaw, Regina, Alida, Storthoaks, Northgate and Oxbow; and in the province of Manitoba: Dauphin, Churchill, Warrenton, Snow Lake and Winnipeg.

The petition relates to the port of Churchill and calls for the federal government to ensure that at least 3 per cent of Canada's annual grain shipments be shipped through the port of Churchill, pointing out that with the increasing potential for eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, the expanding markets there, that grains and other products should be shipped through Canada's only inland seaport.

It is ironic that on the day when the Canadian government is trying to ship grain to Seattle and is contemplating shipping grain through the Mississippi system that our own ports in Canada are not being utilized.

• (1240)

I call upon the Government of Canada and the Wheat Board to recognize finally that they should be creating jobs in Canada and utilizing the potential of this country.

CHILD CARE

**Mr. Brian O'Kurley (Elk Island):** Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, it is an honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of the constituents of Elk Island who support the efforts of a group called 'Kids First'.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to amend the Income Tax Act to ensure that child related benefits and deductions for child care are fair and equitable to all family structures based on financial need and irrespective of child care choice.

RU-486

**Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):** Madam Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition from approximately 200 people in my riding. I must state in advance that I do not agree with the proposals in this

petition, though I do have an obligation on behalf of these constituents to present the petition.

The petition says that wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to withhold approval of RU-486 and to prevent the marketing and testing of this drug to induce abortions.

NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

**Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):** I also have a petition from a number of people in the central interior of British Columbia calling upon the government to refuse the right of Multinational Resources to dam the North Thompson River at Valemount and divert that water to San Diego, California.

The petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the Government of Canada to state categorically that it will not permit our freshwater rivers to be dammed and diverted into the United States of America and to state that our Canadian rivers are not for sale.

**Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap):** Madam Speaker, I have a number of petitions from folks in my constituency, particularly the communities of Sorrento, Tappen, Vernon and Canoe.

These petitioners are concerned about the announced intention by Multinational Resources to dam the North Thompson River at Valemount and divert that water into the California market.

The petitioners are further concerned that under the provisions of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement the export of bulk water from Canada to the U.S. would enshrine our obligation to maintain such exports even in the event of domestic shortages. They are urging the government to have a very serious look at this issue and to state very emphatically that we will not permit the diversion and export of major water sources in Canada.

UNITEL

**Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap):** Madam Speaker, I have a number of other petitions. They are signed by residents from throughout the province of British Columbia and urge the Minister of Communications to oppose Unitel's bid to enter the long distance telephone market in Canada.

The petitioners are urging the minister to consult with affected parties, specifically those citizens living outside Canada's major urban centres in our more isolated northern communities who would be most affected by