

Routine Proceedings

numerous residents of Ottawa who object to the high gas prices in this area as opposed to the prices in other parts of Ontario, particularly the southern region.

I may say that these citizens are very long suffering because I have been filing petitions like this with the House for months. The same problem with respect to gasoline prices pertains to my own constituency of Kingston and the Islands. Some of my own constituents have been moved to sign similar petitions that I have presented in the past and all we get from the government in response to these petitions are pie in the sky answers that the government does not control prices and it does not intend to do anything to alleviate the suffering of Canadians who are being unfairly treated in the gasoline pricing.

I note the petitioners claim that this kind of pricing is unfair and they call upon Parliament to urge the government to correct this injustice to Ottawa area motorists. I agree with their petition and suggest to the government that it do something instead of filing these pie in the sky announcements in response.

BILL C-86

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour and duty under Standing Order 36 to present a petition from residents of Toronto who petition the House of Commons that, whereas we are concerned with recent amendments to the Immigration Act and Bill C-86, particularly we strongly oppose the restriction and delay that parents will face when seeking to join their sons and daughters in Canada, therefore, the undersigned your petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the government to withdraw these amendments.

I have a second petition also from a number of residents of Toronto concerned with the same bill but with different aspects of it.

They point out that the American government allows inland processing of families of convention refugees and that the current policy of the minister of immigration in Canada in refusing minister's permits to the families of accepted refugee claimants can deprive these immigrants of security of person, physical and mental health because their families are separated for years at a time.

Therefore, the undersigned petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the minister of immigration to issue

minister's permits for spouses and dependant children of refugee claimants who have been permitted to apply for landing from within Canada, including persons in the backlog and persons accepted under the new legislation, and allow them to be reunited in Canada for inland processing.

LOW-LEVEL FLIGHTS

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, finally, I have a petition from a number of residents of metro Toronto who are concerned with the continuing policy of Canada in using the land of the Innu people in Labrador and eastern Quebec for NATO low-level flight training.

They ask that Parliament join with the Assembly of First Nations, the Innu of Labrador and other aboriginal peoples of northern Canada in opposing use of their land for NATO and NORAD attack training and that the Canadian government end all NATO and NORAD low-level flight training in Canada and redirect Canada's NATO and NORAD funding toward enabling Canada's aboriginal peoples to regain control of their lands and their livelihood and promoting sustainable development for all Canadians.

BILL C-91

Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to present a duly certified petition on behalf of my constituents in Saskatoon—Dundurn. They ask the government through Parliament not to proceed with the passage of Bill C-91 and to repeal Bill C-22. They would like that to occur so that Canadians will have the full benefit of lower priced generic drugs.

An hon. member: Who passed Bill C-22?

Mr. Fisher: The Conservatives did. Then the provincial and private drug plans would not be unduly hit with the higher prices of drugs.

In asking for this they point out that Bill C-22 raised the period of protection from seven years to ten years. While the government promised that the prices would not increase, that was not the case. Experience has shown that the cost of drugs has escalated tremendously to the great detriment of all concerned.

Going from 10 to 20 years is not going to do the Canadian economy, and certainly not the people of this country, any good whatsoever.