

Routine Proceedings

regulation, without amendment, in both official languages.

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BILL C-121

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ross Belsher (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-121, an act to amend the Canada Shipping Act and to amend another act in consequence thereof, with amendments, in both official languages.

While I have the floor I would ask the consent of the House to waive the notice requirement for the report stage of Bill C-121 so that the bill can be called for on Monday, June 7.

Madam Speaker, I think if you were to ask the House there would be consent from all sides.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent of the House?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

[*Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

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PETITIONS

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of 111 residents of Waterloo county.

They draw attention to the fact that the depiction of sexually explicit actions involving children and violence against women offends normal standards of decency, portrays an abnormal view of societal values and is harmful to the family unit.

These petitioners call upon the federal government to pass strong Criminal Code sanctions against the publication and distribution of films, videos and television programs depicting explicit sexual acts and the use of children and violence against women in a sexual context.

SERIAL KILLER CARDS

Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland—St. Catharines—Thorold): Madam Speaker, I was contacted some time ago by a group of people who are very much concerned about the killer cards that are being sold in Canada. I have eight petitions I would like to present which have literally thousands and thousands of names upon them.

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These people wish to make known their disapproval of the sale of what is known as killer cards in Canada. They urge the government to stop the entry of these cards into Canada.

The petitioners, and I include myself, abhor crimes of violence against persons. They believe that killer trading cards offer nothing positive for children or adults to admire or emulate but rather contribute to violence. Therefore they think these should be banned from Canada.

YOUNG OFFENDERS

Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt): Madam Speaker, I am rising today to present a petition of many thousand signatures gathered by Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, who are here with us today in the gallery. Their son was viciously murdered and left in a Scarborough sewer by three young offenders.

The petitioners state that the need to protect society is much more important than the need to protect young offenders.

CHILD POVERTY

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I rise to present a petition that is signed by well over 100 citizens of Canada, mostly in New Westminster in my constituency, who express their concerns about child poverty.

They reflect back to the motion that was passed unanimously in the House of Commons in November 1989 which said that we as a country would eliminate child poverty by the year 2000.

They cite the ever-increasing cost to the administration of health care, justice, and social welfare. They say that poor children are inhibited in learning and preparation for employment. This constitutes a large cost to future national productivity and the country.