

Petitions

Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)): Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the House that when we return on September 13, the Government will be calling two Bills for consideration, Bill C-147, the Human Rights Institute followed by Bill C-152, the Canadian Heritage Languages Institute Bill. We hope, although I do not believe it is firm at this point, that there will be all-stage consideration of both Bills on that day.

On Wednesday, September 14, we will begin report stage consideration of Bill C-136, the Broadcasting Act.

My friend asked about the Elections Act. One knows that we presently have before us Bill C-79. There have been discussions and an exchange of correspondence with respect to election expenses. I understand that the matter of my friend's correspondence is still under consideration.

Mr. Angus: Mr. Speaker, just further to the comments from the Deputy House Leader, will the Government be in a position to respond with regard to the election expenses prior to the scheduled reconvening of the House on September 13?

Mr. Lewis: I will have to check into that, Mr. Speaker. My friend's letter had some suggestions in it. I think we want to consider those suggestions fully. In any event, we are looking at the whole matter. I think if we come back and have some time, it is certainly something that could be considered.

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[Translation]

VACANCY

WETASKIWIN—STAN SHELLENBERGER, BY RESIGNATION

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that I received a communication notifying me that the following vacancy has occurred in the representation, Stan Schellenberger,

[English]

—for the electoral district of Wetaskiwin by resignation. Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a new Writ of Election for the said electoral district.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

PROPOSED CANADA CHILD CARE ACT

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on behalf of people in Nova

Scotia, mainly from Halifax, but also from other parts of that province and Canada. The people from Nova Scotia in their petition express concern with the Government's proposals regarding child care. They believe it neither contains national objectives nor necessary funding arrangements and, as a result, will not ensure that families have access to higher quality child care.

Whereas the proposed Child Care Act is not in the best interests of young children, women or families in Canada, the undersigned call upon Parliament to withdraw the Child Care Act forthwith. The petitioners have signed the petition and the petition has been certified by the Clerk of Petitions.

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions signed by residents of Scarborough, Markham and Ottawa, Ontario; Sydney and Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. In both petitions they say that the Government had no mandate from the Canadian people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States, that a trade agreement negotiated by the Mulroney Government threatens the very fabric of Canadian political and economic sovereignty by removing the power of the Canadian Government to effectively control foreign ownership to develop Canadian energy resources in the best interests of Canadians or to equalize opportunities between the regions. Therefore, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement during a national general election.

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PROPOSED CANADA CHILD CARE ACT

Ms. Marion Dewar (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have the responsibility and privilege of presenting a petition from many citizens of my riding of Hamilton Mountain and residents of the City of Hamilton as well as Peterborough, Scarborough, Stoney Creek and Belleville. All of these petitioners feel very strongly that families throughout Canada need a high quality, available, affordable child care service. Whereas the proposed child care Bill is not in the best interests of young children, women or the families of Canada, they therefore call upon Parliament to withdraw the child care Bill forthwith.