

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Madam Speaker, my second petition relates to the Canadian telecommunication network. The petitioners note it is one of the country's great accomplishments and it is vital to Canadian unity and economic development.

They also note that 98 per cent of Canadian households have telephones. They are concerned that deregulation could result in the erosion of services and affordability that has happened in the United States. They therefore call on Parliament to overturn the decision of the CRTC in allowing long distance telephone competition and request that the Government of Canada make a firm commitment to exclude Canada's telecommunication system from the North American free trade agreement.

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Madam Speaker, I would like to table a petition from Val-d'Or. Your petitioners humbly state that films depicting violence on television are dangerous and unacceptable because they encourage further violence. They say that freedom of the press should be restricted when reporting acts of violence. Repeated reporting of acts of violence on all television channels and on radio may encourage similar acts of violence.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to pass legislation dealing with the above, to wipe out violence in our society, protect our children and guarantee everyone in this country a better quality of life.

SOMALIA

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, this petition is certified correct as to form and content.

• (1220)

[English]

The residents who signed this petition are Canadians of Somalian descent who are now permanent residents of Canada and Canadian citizens. They are appealing to Parliament to urge the government to speed up the

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processing of family reunification by posting additional immigration officers in Ethiopia and Kenya with instructions to carry out requisite checks but waive waiting periods because of the unusual circumstances involving hardship and suffering.

The family class and dependent relative members in Somalia and adjacent countries, Somalia being in the grip of civil disturbance and acute famine, are leaving relatives in limbo in Ethiopia and Kenya and enduring wretched conditions while sponsorship takes two or three years which adversely affects their stability.

BILL C-268

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from a number of residents of Canada who wish to designate a day of recognition of Canada's aboriginal inhabitants to honour native cultures. June 21 is the most appropriate day to recognize our First Nations. Therefore, they call upon Parliament to enact Bill C-268, an act respecting a national solidarity day for the first nations of Canada.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Madam Speaker, I would like to present a petition to the House today with close to 9,000 signatures from Alberta and British Columbia. The petition is signed in honour of the memory of Ryan Garrioch and petitions the House to make further changes to the Young Offenders Act that need to be made in light of recent history.

CANADA RACE RELATIONS FOUNDATION

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present a petition from residents of Kamloops, Walhachin and Montrose, British Columbia.

The petitioners want to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the Canada Race Relations Foundation was announced as part of the Japanese Canadian redress settlement. The Race Relations Foundation was to be funded by an endowment of \$24 million, \$12 million coming from the Japanese community.

The petitioners are calling up on Parliament to urge the government to consider the advisability of establishing the Canada Race Relations Foundation this fiscal year.