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HOUSE MANAGEMENT

CONCURRENCE IN 47TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard): Madam Speaker, with unanimous consent, I move that the 47th report of the Standing Committee on House Management presented in the House today be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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[English]

CROSS-BORDER SHOPPING

SHOP CANADA DAY

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Madam Speaker, I think you will find there is unanimous consent for this motion:

That in the opinion of the House the government will proclaim Saturday, July 4, 1992, as Shop Canada Day to keep consumer dollars in Canada and to support Canadian industry.

Motion agreed to.

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PETITIONS

HEALTH CARE

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I would like to table a petition signed by over 15,000 Canadians from British Columbia to Newfoundland that calls upon Parliament to withhold approval of the drug RU-486 and prevent the marketing and/or testing of this drug to induce abortions in Canada.

These petitioners state that the said drug RU-486 has been used to cause the abortion of the human foetus in the early stages of pregnancy and has also been shown in some cases to have caused serious injury and even death in one case to the mother when taken with prostaglandins.

[Translation]

COURT CHALLENGES PROGRAM

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Madam Speaker, today I have eight petitions concerning the Court Challenges Program. Your petitioners, who now number in the thousands, would like to see Parliament

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review the government's decision which abolished this program last February.

The Court Challenges Program has made it possible for the courts to hand down a number of important decisions aimed at clarifying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The courts have been able to rule on a broad range of human rights issues, including the rights of inmates, Canadians of native origin and disabled Canadians, as well as on issues concerning discrimination on the basis of age, sex, sexual orientation, citizenship, race, ethnic origin, marital status and family circumstances.

The petitioners ask that the program be reinstated so that all Canadians can have access to this federal assistance which helps protect the rights of all Canadians.

[English]

JUSTICE

Mr. Bill Kempling (Burlington): Madam Speaker, under Standing Order 36, I have the honour to present 10 petitions containing approximately 637 signatures from citizens of Burlington, Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Dundas, Mississauga, Oakville, Scarborough, Kitchener, Guelph, Toronto and all over southern Ontario.

The petitioners urge the government to stiffen the penalties for violent crime and points in particular to the death of Miss Nina de Villiers who was brutally murdered on August 9, 1991.

The petitioners ask the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General to continue to review all legislation that deals with public safety and to negotiate, where necessary, with the provincial authorities to ensure that the laws are amended to reflect the concerns expressed by the petitioners on public safety.

ILLEGAL DRUGS

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Madam Speaker, I have the pleasure of presenting to the House a petition collected by the Finch—Weston Multicultural Seniors Committee urging the government to amend the drug laws in this country that permit the Government of Canada, when it seizes profits from drug seizures, to put them solely and totally in the federal revenues of the federal government rather than trying to share those proceeds with local police authorities, local organizations and municipalities so that those groups which are on the front lines of battling drugs in our society may in fact