

Petitions

were homeless at one time or another during 1986 in Canada, that an increasing number of young people, women and entire families have joined the ranks of the homeless despite a healthy Canadian economy, and that the number of affordable dwellings for low-income people is dwindling constantly and soup kitchens and emergency shelters are only temporary measures, not permanent solutions.

Therefore the petitions call upon the Government of Canada to act immediately to establish the necessary measures to ensure that homeless and poorly lodged Canadians, first, live in adequate and healthy housing, and, second, have access to a variety of rehabilitation programs in order to reintegrate into Canadian society.

• (1510)

PROPOSED FREE TRADE

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by a number of residents of the City of Winnipeg. They state that the Conservative Government had no mandate from the Canadian people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States and that the proposed trade agreement would deny Canada policy freedom to determine its own economic future and undermine our ability to build a society distinct from that of the U.S.

Therefore, the petitioners 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.

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour, duty and pleasure to present three petitions. One is signed by citizens of the Queen City of Regina. Another is signed by other residents of Regina, Swift Current, and Chaplin, Saskatchewan. The petitioners include citizens of the wonderful Town of Abbey, Saskatchewan, where, Mr. Speaker, you will be happy to know I was station agent years ago.

Whereas the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised in the course of bilateral trade negotiations that Canadian sovereignty would not be compromised and that the proposed trade agreement not only denies Canadians secure access to the U.S. market, which was the key objective in these negotiations, but threatens the jobs of hundreds of thousands of Canadians, the petitioners therefore humbly pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed trade agreement during a national general election.

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I have the responsibility and privilege to table a petition signed by residents of Bowmanville, Oshawa, Janetville, Whitby and Chelmsford, Ontario.

The petitioners point out that the Conservative Government had no mandate whatsoever from the Canadian people to

conclude a free trade agreement with the United States and, further, that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised in the course of the bilateral trade negotiations that Canadian sovereignty would not be compromised.

They state that the proposed trade agreement would deny Canada the policy freedom to determine its own economic future and undermine our ability to build a society distinct from that of the United States.

They therefore 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.

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY SAFETY DEVICES IN AUTOMOBILES

Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling petitions signed by residents of Saint-Romuald, Saint-Jean-Chrysostome, Saint-Hyacinthe, Granby, Roberval, Saint-Henri, Taillon, Lévis, Charny, Lauzon, Montreal and the vicinity, Swift Current, and Gerald, Saskatchewan.

These 182 signatures are in addition to those on other petitions I presented earlier, a grand total of 32,368 signatures. The undersigned are aware that since 1974 the federal Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations allow the installation of self-inflating bags for private car drivers, and that this device would reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray Parliament to make it mandatory to install inflatable bags in the front seat of passenger cars and adjustable shoulder seat-belts for passengers on the back seat.

[English]

PORNOGRAPHY—SUPPORT FOR BILL C-54

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and duty to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of Swift Current, Saskatchewan concerning Bill C-54.

The petitioners indicate that they are concerned that pressures exerted by various permissive minority groups may cause the Government to water down and weaken this legislation.

The petitioners therefore humbly pray and call upon Parliament to support Bill C-54 which will make it illegal to manufacture, import, sell or rent pornographic material as defined in the Bill. They call upon Parliament to pass the Bill without dilution in the belief that it gives recognition to the inherent dignity of individuals, particularly women and young people who are most vulnerable to exploitation in this area.

I have five additional petitions on the same topic from residents of Shaunavon, Swift Current, Herbert, and Vanguard, Saskatchewan.