

*Routine Proceedings*

and continuing in this sport. They point out that this sport significantly contributes to the physical and mental health of our youth.

They ask that this government not impose this goods and services tax, especially on any of the services related to skating.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood):** Madam Speaker, I am happy to present to the House pursuant to Standing Order 36 a petition on behalf of hundreds of residents in my riding and around Toronto who have relatives and friends who live in Atlantic Canada.

They are asking the government to please hurry in its design to set a clear agenda to correct the current problems in Atlantic Canada so that the people there can begin developing a game plan in order to ensure that future prosperity will exist in Atlantic Canada. We are concerned about this happening in every other part of Canada as well.

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence):** Madam Speaker, I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition. This is the first occasion we have had in quite some time to present petitions. I do so on behalf of many citizens from the Toronto area who implore the government to intercede on behalf of Mr. Yi-Shih Leo who is being detained by the government of Taiwan.

The petition calls on the Canadian government to take immediate and effective measures to secure Mr. Leo's release, including the issuing of public statements, instructing the Canadian Embassy in Japan or the High Commission office in Hong Kong to intercede, to appoint a lawyer to handle the case, and to request Canada's allies to assist in the case itself.

## WOMEN'S PROGRAMS

**Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's):** Madam Speaker, I, too, rise to present a petition in accordance with the Standing Orders. It is from 31 people from the communities of Port aux Basques, Rose Blanche, Doyles and St. Andrew's.

The petitioners, in making their prayer, point out that the cuts in women's funding will undermine a very well-established program to provide supportive services to women and families in crisis situations, which are often life threatening and violent.

They call upon Parliament, and I support them in this call, to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the funding for the operation of women's centres, such as the ones in Port aux Basques, Stephenville and the others across the country, so that these centres can continue to provide the services and support to women and families who are so much in need of that type of service.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 246, 256 and 266.

[Text]

CONFERENCE HELD AT MONTEBELLO (QUEBEC) DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 1990

Question No. 246—**Mr. Boudria:**

During the week of February 26, 1990, did employees of the Department of Employment and Immigration attend a conference in Montebello, Quebec and, if so (a) what number (b) at what cost (c) who attended the conference (d) what was the purpose of the meeting (e) who authorized the expenditure (f) who chose the location (g) were any government-owned facilities available in the National Capital Region where the meeting could have been held?

**Hon. Barbara Jean McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Yes.

- (a) 32
- (b) \$10,870
- (c) see attached appendix 1
- (d) see attached appendix 2
- (e) Mr. Yves Lachapelle, Acting Director, Outaouais Network
- (f) Mr. Jacques Cécyré, Director, Outaouais Network
- (g) no

## Appendix 1

c) Jacques Cécyré	Director, Outaouais Network
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