

Petitions

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Minister have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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PETITIONS

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO USE OF CHEMICAL PESTICIDES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure and honour to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 106, the petition being signed by residents of Hinton, Jasper, and Edmonton, Alberta; Ottawa-Hull, Quebec City, Montreal, South Slokan, Slokan Park, New Denver, Winlaw, Kaslow, Nelson, Argenta, Johnson's Landing, and Gray Creek.

The petitioners are concerned about the increasing number of chemicals used as herbicides and insecticides, chemicals that are proven to have harmful effects on human health. In addition, the petitioners believe that these chemicals also produce short and long-term harmful effects on non-target organisms, soil and water.

These chemicals have in past years been registered and approved as safe for their various uses, and the petitioners believe that new chemicals are constantly approved under the same guidelines as the now-proven harmful ones were.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, the petitioners ask the House of Commons to initiate a full public inquiry into the safety, testing, registration, regulation and the use of pesticides and the examination of alternate ways of controlling pests, such as biological controls and plant-derived pesticides.

REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO ROAD SAFETY REGULATIONS

Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present to the House a petition signed by residents of the Province of Prince Edward Island. These petitioners call upon Parliament to amend the existing Canadian safety standard for rear seat-belts in passenger cars.

The petitioners believe that rear seat-belts in passenger cars are inadequate and that the suffering of crash victims could be reduced or avoided through improved seat-belts. They also believe that the cost of medical care for car-crash victims can be reduced or eliminated with improved rear seat-belts.

For these reasons, the petitioners urge Parliament to institute mandatory installation of three-point adjustable lap/shoulder seat-belts for rear-seat passengers. As well, the petitioners request the mandatory installation of front seat airbags.

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

1987 CONSTITUTIONAL ACCORD

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The House resumed from Friday, June 12 consideration of the motion of Mr. Hnatyshyn:

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider and report on the "1987 Constitutional Accord, signed in Ottawa on June 3, 1987, by the First Ministers of Canada", copies of which were tabled in the Senate and the House of Commons on June 3, 1987;

That twelve Members of the House of Commons and five Members of the Senate be the Members of the Special Joint Committee, such Members on the part of the House of Commons to be designated no later than seven sitting days after the adoption of this motion;

That the Committee have the power to appoint from among its Members such sub-committees as may be deemed advisable, and to delegate to such sub-committees all or any of their powers except the power to report directly to the House;

That the Committee have power to sit during sittings and adjournments of the House of Commons;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine witnesses and to print such papers and evidence from day to day as may be ordered by the Committee;

That the Committee be empowered to authorize television and radio broadcasting, as it deems appropriate, of any or all of its proceedings or of proceedings of its sub-committees, pursuant to the principles and practices governing the broadcasting of the proceedings of the House of Commons;

That the Committee submit its report not later than September 14, 1987, provided that, if the House is not sitting, the report will be deemed submitted on the day such report is deposited with the Clerk of the House of Commons and with the Clerk of the Senate;

That substitution be authorized, for Members from the House of Commons, from a list of alternates to be provided to the Joint Chairmen of the Special Joint Committee by a representative of each party at the first meeting of the Committee, such list of alternates to contain no more than twice the number of Members of the House of Commons who are Members of the Special Joint Committee representing each party in the House;

That the quorum of the Committee be eight Members, whenever a vote, resolution or other decision is taken, so long as both Houses are represented, and that the Joint Chairmen be authorized to hold meetings, to receive evidence and authorize the printing thereof, when six Members are present so long as both Houses are represented; and

That a message be sent to the Senate requesting that House to unite with this House for the above purpose, and to select, if the Senate deems it to be advisable, five Members to act on the proposed Special Joint Committee; and the amendment of Mr. Nystrom, (p. 7051).