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#### TRADE

**Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am pleased to present a petition from many residents of British Columbia which is certified as being correct.

The petitioners draw to the attention of the House that the proposed North American free trade agreement has resulted in even greater trade concessions being demanded of Canada; that if implemented this trade agreement will result in further restrictions being placed on the ability of Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments now and in the future to assist Canadian industry, conserve Canadian natural resources for Canadian benefit and advance needed social programs.

Therefore they call upon the House to reject the proposed North American free trade agreement and to recommend to the government that it use the termination clause to end the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

**Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to present a petition signed by some 41 signatories from the village of Creston, the communities of Wyndel, Lister, Kitchener, Wasa, Ta Ta Creek and the cities of Kimberley and Cranbrook in East Kootenay and the city of Revelstoke in Kootenay West—Revelstoke.

The petitioners express their concern that the proposed North American free trade agreement has resulted in even greater trade concessions being demanded of Canada and they fear that this agreement will cause Canadians to lose more good jobs.

They also point out that the North American free trade agreement cannot be remedied through negotiation. They call upon this House to reject the North American free trade agreement and to recommend to the government that it use the termination clause to end the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

#### YOUNG OFFENDERS

**Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary Northeast):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition pursuant to Standing Order 36 that requests the Government of Canada to revise the laws of Canada to replace the

#### Routine Proceedings

Young Offenders Act with an updated juvenile delinquents act with a lowered maximum age of 13 years. It is signed by 1,000 Albertans.

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#### QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

**Mr. Peter L. McCreath (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 477, 489, 490 and 491.

[Text]

Question No. 477—**Mr. Barrett:**

With respect to computer tapes, discs and other electronic records within the Prime Minister's Office and the Privy Council Office, (a) what is the government's policy regarding the archiving, erasure or destruction of those materials, since January 1, 1991 (b) how many computer files have been deleted, destroyed, (i) in the Prime Minister's Office (ii) in the Privy Council Office, and (c) how many of these files have been sent to the National Archives?

**Mr. Len Gustafson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** The response to Question No. 477, part (a), is that the policy related to the disposal of records of government institutions, including electronic records, is prescribed in the National Archives Act.

In regard to parts (b) (i) and (ii), and part (c) there is a nil response.

Question No. 489—**Mr. Worthy:**

What is the number of people (or families) classified as farmers and how many (a) gain all or most of their income from farming (b) receive most of their income from outside sources?

**Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of Agriculture):** In 1991, the number of families classified as farmers was 294,381. (a) 148,088 families; (b) 146,293 families.

Question No. 490—**Mr. Worthy:**

What is the minimum gross farm sales which are required in order for a person to be classified as a farmer?

**Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of Agriculture):** There is no single definition of a farmer or farm. The 1991 census of agriculture defined a census farm as a farm, ranch or other agricultural holding which produced at least one of the following products intended for sale: crops, livestock, poultry, animal products, greenhouse or nursery products, mushrooms, sod, honey, or maple syrup products and did not require a minimum gross farm sales. According to the Income Tax Act, for tax