

Petitions

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): The Hon. Member comes from an Ontario riding. He knows what happened to the steel mills in Hamilton when the NEP came in. He knows what happened to the instrumentation companies in Ontario when the NEP came in. We are trying to reverse that. There will be a large number of jobs created in Ontario, Quebec, and all parts of Canada, as a result of that energy policy. That will be the test of the Western Accord that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources announced last week.

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CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORT

NUCLEAR WEAPONS-FREE ZONE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Keeper) on Monday, April 1, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

PETITIONS

ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS

Mr. Raymond Garneau (Laval-des-Rapides): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by a number of citizens asking for changes in the administration—

Mr. Speaker: One moment, please. I cannot hear the Hon. Member.

Mr. Garneau: Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition on the administration of public buildings.

[*English*]

RADIO LICENCE FEES

Mr. Jack Scowen (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I would like to present this petition on behalf of some of my constituents who are opposed to the increase in radio licence fees.

[*Translation*]

REGULATION OF GASOLINE PRICES

Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Duvernay): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleague from Sherbrooke (Mr. Charest) and myself, I have the honour to present a petition signed by 7,207 residents of the Eastern Townships. This petition has been signed by people who, through the Opinion 63 open line show hosted by Mr. Roch Guertin on radio station CHLT, have

voiced their objection to the excessive increase in the price of gasoline sold in Quebec.

The petitioners humbly call upon Parliament to urge the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Côté) to intervene in this case as soon as possible and establish a national gasoline prices commission.

I present this petition and strongly urge the Government to act on it.

[*English*]

PRICE OF SUGAR-BEETS

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by several dozen people from the Province of Alberta calling on the Government to institute a program to ensure that farmers in southern Alberta get a reasonable guaranteed price for the sugar-beets they produce.

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Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I was just wondering whether you have had an opportunity to review some of the previous decisions by other distinguished Speakers with regard to where petitions come in terms of Routine Proceedings.

Mr. Speaker: I apologize; I misunderstood the Hon. Member. No, I have not. I will be back to the House as soon as I have. I assure the Hon. Member that the matter is under active consideration.

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ABORTION LAWS

Mr. W. C. Scott (Victoria-Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty and pleasure to present a petition today signed by residents of the constituency of Victoria-Haliburton. These petitioners believe that the Government of Canada must not allow any further changes to Canada's abortion laws which would make abortions and the resultant loss of human life more readily available.

RADIO LICENSING

Mr. Fred King (Okanagan-Similkameen): Mr. Speaker, the petition which I present to the House attests to the concerns brought to my attention by Fred Simpson, Director of Communications for the Penticton Radio Club and club member Mert Rawley, whose representation has the support of 153 general radio service operators who have attached their signatures to a statement asking that the Department of Communications reconsider its decision to license each radio, rather than the norm for other operators in which one licence fee is required irrespective of how many sets they own. The request asks this House to recognize the role which radio club mem-