Routine Proceedings

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, I would like to present a petition with 38 signatures with regard to the murder of Nina de Villiers on August 9, 1991 which has exposed serious deficiencies in the criminal justice system.

There are many vulnerable persons who have little protection under the current system. Women, children and disabled persons are particularly at risk. Therefore, the statutes governing the criminal system in Canada should be revised to reflect societal attitudes.

These petitioners request that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence against the person are serious and a harm to society and ask that the Criminal Code be so amended.

• (1040)

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk): Mr. Speaker, I too have petitions in support of the parents of Nina de Villiers signed by a number of my constituents from Caledonia, Hagarsville, Dunville and surrounding area.

These petitioners are requesting Parliament to recognize that crimes of violence against persons are serious and abhorrent to society and to amend the Criminal Code to help deal with these situations.

GASOLINE PRICES

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of introducing a petition to this House, signed by many of my constituents as well as constituents of Nepean, Osgoode, Gloucester, Lanark and area.

These constituents are disappointed with the gasoline prices in the Ottawa-Carleton region and are calling on the government to take action in order to correct this injustice.

JUSTICE

Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, I too am pleased to present a petition which was triggered by the death of Nina de Villiers in August 1991.

A large number of the people of Sudbury have signed this petition. They want to underline their concern about the criminal justice system and the fact that the sentencing of many violent criminals does not reflect the seriousness of the crimes they commit.

The petitioners ask that amendments to the Criminal Code, Bail Reform Act and the Parole Act be made to recognize the seriousness of these crimes.

HOUSING

Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition here from a number of residents of Sudbury. They are residents of a co-op housing project. They underline their concern with the lack of affordable housing for many others.

Their petition is especially important at this time when this particular government has announced that it will completely go out of the co-op housing market. These people are asking very seriously that this government remain in the subsidized housing area because there is a lack.

TAXATION

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition today signed primarily by residents of the central interior of British Columbia, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, 150 Mile House regarding tax fairness.

The petitioners call upon the government to ensure that it brings in an effective and fair tax system in Canada.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 110 could be made an Order for Return, this return would be tabled immediately.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 110 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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Question No. 110-Mr. Boudria:

Since 1984, how many contracts has Secor Inc. entered into with (a) the government (b) crown corporations (c) government agencies and, in each instance, for how much and for what purpose?

Return tabled.