

## JUSTICE

**Mr. Bill Kempling (Burlington):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to present more than 100 petitions which contain thousands of signatures of citizens in Burlington, Hamilton, Stoney Creek, Dundas, Mississauga, Oakville, Scarborough, Guelph, Kitchener, and all over southwestern Ontario.

The petitioners urge the government to stiffen the penalties for violent crime and point in particular to the death of Miss Nina de Villiers who was brutally murdered on August 9, 1991.

The petitioners ask that the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General continue to review all legislation that deals with public safety and negotiate where necessary with provincial authorities to ensure the laws are amended to reflect the concern expressed by the petitioners on public safety.

[Translation]

## GASOLINE PRICES

**Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by several Canadians from the national capital region, that is by people on both sides of the river, in both provinces. The petition asks the federal government to do something about oil prices in the area, which are excessively high compared with prices in other areas such as southern Ontario.

[English]

## UKRAINE

**Mr. Al Horning (Okanagan Centre):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I wish to present a petition signed by approximately 50 residents of my riding of Okanagan Centre.

They call upon the Government of Canada to give genuine support to the people of Ukraine by officially recognizing Ukraine's independence in establishing full diplomatic relations with the government and the people of Ukraine.

## ATLANTIC CATCH FAILURE PROGRAM

**Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception):** Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 regarding a petition related to the Atlantic Catch Failure Program.

It is signed by residents, mostly fisherpersons and those involved in the fish plants from Bonavista Bay, Trinity Bay and Conception Bay, all affected by the catch failure program. I do not have to tell you, Mr. Speaker, that their living depends very much on the fishery and

## Routine Proceedings

1991 was the biggest failure in the memories of those who are involved.

The Atlantic Catch Failure Program which was introduced in October was supposed to be a response, but unfortunately the response was inadequate to the crisis which threatens the continued viability of the industry, the existence of communities and the livelihood of the fishermen, plant workers and their families. It is going to be a cold winter for many families.

These petitioners call upon Parliament to review the Atlantic Catch Failure Program to ensure a timely and a very adequate response and a redress for all those whose livelihoods have been so adversely affected by the failure of the fishery this year.

## VIA RAIL

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, I have a series of petitions I would like to table today.

The first one is from over 100 participants in *Snow Show* in Thunder Bay who are all calling on the government and Parliament to restore VIA Rail to its levels of a couple of years ago.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, a number of petitioners from Prince Edward Island are very concerned about the plans for building a bridge or causeway to connect it to the mainland.

They are asking for a halt to all business until such time as a direct vote of the public is held in the form of a plebiscite.

## THE ECONOMY

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, I have a third group of petitions from hundreds of people from Thunder Bay and northwestern Ontario who are totally against the GST, the free trade agreement, the high interest rates and the high dollar and ask Parliament to do something about it.

## UKRAINE

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the patrons of the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in Thunder Bay and the Holy Cross Ukrainian Church in Thunder Bay, I am pleased to table a petition that asks Parliament to advise the federal government to declare September 7, Ukrainian Day in recognition of the rich heritage and enormous contribution of Canadians of Ukrainian descent.