

Routine Proceedings

people from Regina, Saskatchewan, though I notice as well that there are some from Vancouver, Vancouver Island, et cetera.

These petitioners point out the Canadian involvement as a result of the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq in the sending of military ships, planes, and ground communication to the gulf.

The petitioners also note the reports of military build-up in the gulf region. They note the statements by the Secretary of State for External Affairs about Canada's commitment to participate in any warlike activity that should arise.

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Therefore the petitioners ask that the Government of Canada do all in its power to secure a negotiated settlement and withdraw Canadian Armed Forces from the gulf region.

I am sure as well the petitioners wish Canada and the House peace on earth and a good Christmas.

GASOLINE ADDITIVES

Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition. I would like to say that the petition is the work largely of my colleague from Lambton—Middlesex who brought the matter to the attention of a number of people from across the country, including Newfoundland. This petition is from the greater area of St. John's, including St. Thomas, Paradise, and Manuels.

The petition addresses the issue of pollution being caused by automotive emissions. It calls on the government to take steps to reduce hydrocarbon emissions dramatically and recommends a way in which this can be done. The petitioners pray that government would see fit to make a minimum 3.2 per cent oxygen content in gasoline fuels mandatory.

I compliment my colleague from Lambton—Middlesex. I commend this petition to the House and hope the appropriate department will take the appropriate action. I have great honour and pleasure in supporting the petition without equivocation.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Sid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I rise, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition on behalf of 3,600 signatories from the area of Windsor opposing the CBC cutbacks.

The petitioners are strongly opposed to the cutbacks in the CBC. What this government is doing by failing to support the CBC is that it is tearing the very fibres of this country all to pieces.

This is a very serious issue. Because of the spirit of Christmas, maybe there have been some spirits going around the House. However, it is a pleasure to present this petition on behalf of the residents of Windsor who oppose these cutbacks.

VIA RAIL

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a number of petitions concerning the restoration of VIA Rail services from the communities of Kaslo, Winlaw, Nelson, and Revelstoke within my own constituency; from Vancouver, Kamloops, Langley, Kelowna, White Rock, Port Coquitlam, and Burnaby in British Columbia; from Calgary, Alberta; from Regina and Estevan, Saskatchewan; from Winnipeg, Manitoba; and from Ottawa, Ontario.

First, the petitioners condemn the activities of this government that led to many cuts in Canada's vital passenger rail network and urge the government to restore, among other actions, VIA Rail services across the country, in particular The Canadian line through the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to stand, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to deliver over 2,000 signatures of residents of the Windsor area who, like people all across Canada, are outraged at the financial broad axe this government has taken to the CBC.

The petitioners ask that Parliament take all the necessary measures to preserve local CBC television services in Windsor and in other areas deprived of such service by the federal government cutbacks.