

STEVEN OGUNWUYI

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): I have another petition which is signed by residents of Vancouver and Burnaby which notes that Steven Ogunwuyi, a Nigerian of 23 years of age, was unwittingly implicated in an unsuccessful coup attempt against the unelected president of Nigeria. It notes that prison conditions in Nigeria are appalling and that other people implicated in the coup have been executed after totally unacceptable trials.

The petition notes that he has escaped from Nigeria and is seeking refugee status in Canada and he fears for his life. Therefore, the petitioners urge the House of Commons to request the Minister of Employment and Immigration to allow Steven Ogunwuyi to remain in Canada on compassionate grounds.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition signed by 210 students and staff from Sir Frederick Banting Junior Secondary School in Coquitlam.

The petitioners say that Dupont is the world's largest producer of CFCs with a major plant here in Canada capable of producing up to 18,000 tonnes annually. For almost 20 years the company has continued to produce these chemicals, despite scientific evidence linking them to the destruction of the ozone layer. They say that ozone in southern Canada will be depleted by 15 per cent this year, resulting in a staggering 26 per cent increase in skin cancer, and that the only real answer is to stop producing those ozone-destroying chemicals now.

The petitioners demand that Dupont stop its production of ozone-destroying chemicals now.

PROUD TO BE A CANADIAN

Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure and the honour to submit a petition signed by a number of residents of Brandon—Souris, including a number of young people who believe very strongly that it is important for Canadians to take pride in a united, strong and independent Canada, and noting that very often we are too reserved and we thus conceal our patriotic feelings.

They have signed this petition in which they support the Kinsmen and Kinette clubs of Canada, specifically in their *Proud to be a Canadian* project. They indicate that

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this project is an opportunity to nurture a positive life-long relationship, whether based on heritage or whether based on the flag, to encourage stronger ties among all Canadians for the further advancement of Canada as a leader in world circles, and to promote our tremendous pride in being Canadians.

HOUSING

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today under Standing Order 36 to present two petitions signed mainly by people in my riding of Edmonton—Strathcona.

This first petition calls upon Parliament to recognize housing as a shared provincial-federal responsibility, to support the federal non-profit co-operative housing program, and to maintain the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona): This petition calls upon Parliament to consider removing the goods and services tax from women's sanitary products.

NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure and indeed an honour to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents from British Columbia who now, in total petition numbers, total well over 10,000. They point out that a firm called Multinational Resources intends to divert water from the North Thompson River in British Columbia in order to sell the water in southern California.

They are going ahead with this plan. They are spending millions of dollars on pre-engineering studies and feasibility studies. These residents are saying it is time that we say "forget it; scrap your plans because the waters of Canada will not be sold to California through river diversion".

TAXATION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I have petitioners from Manitoba who ask for a fairer and simpler taxation system. They feel that the current system is unfair toward the poor, too onerous for middle class Canadians and business people and they want to ensure that it is non-discriminatory. For example, they refer to taxable child credits. They point out that certain people get them and others do not.