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CARIBOO—CHILCOTIN—LORNE GREENAWAY, BY RESIGNATION

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, Lorne Greenaway, Esquire, Member for the electoral district of Cariboo—Chilcotin, by resignation.

Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS[*English*]**PETITIONS**

PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON RESERVES

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, I have a significant and important petition to submit. The signatures have been collected and presented by 230 students, young Canadians, who attend Lisgar Collegiate Institute. Perhaps it is the first time they have become involved in the political process. They are concerned about an issue which they would like to bring to your attention, Mr. Speaker.

The Algonquin Indians of La Verendrye Park who were demonstrating before the Centre Block a few days ago have put forward an issue which requires your attention, namely, the right to protect natural resources on the reserves and the land which they occupy and have occupied for centuries from the devastation caused by the lumber industry and by hunters who take away from them the natural resources on which their livelihood depends.

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The petition is duly prepared and certified and is submitted for your consideration.

LABELLING OF FOOD INGREDIENTS

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present 7,000 signatures to add to the 20,000 signatures which have already been put forward petitioning the Government on the issue of food labelling, given that many restaurants do not provide a complete list of ingredients in take-out foods.

I would like to present these with a special tribute to Christian and Betty Lou Taylor. Christian Taylor died as a result of eating fast food from a particular restaurant. His mother has been carrying on this battle. For Mrs. Taylor and all the other Canadians who support ingredient labelling, I table this petition.

SUGGESTED INDIAN ACT AMENDMENT

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, since this may be the last day we are here for a while, I want to present three petitions on behalf of the Hon. Member for Vancouver East (Ms. Mitchell). They deal with a request from a number of British Columbians to amend the Indian Act to end all discrimination based upon sex and to ensure that past discrimination against women can be steadily and fairly rectified by reinstatement of the status and band membership which aboriginal women would have enjoyed if not for this discrimination.

The petition goes on to detail other things they are asking for but I am sure that you, Mr. Speaker, can take a very close look at them after we finish this part of our proceedings. I wish to table these petitions on the Member's behalf.

SOUTH MORESBY PARK—HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have a duly authorized petition here from a number of Canadian citizens concerned about the fact that on the very day the Government signed the South Moresby Park Agreement it also committed itself to spending \$20 million or more to explore for hydrocarbons in the South Moresby Marine Park.

The petitioners point out that the Queen Charlottes region has higher earthquake activity than the San Andreas Fault and that Hecate waters are among the roughest and most unpredictable waters in the world.

Therefore, they point out that they do not want any more hydrocarbon exploration activities to take place in our coastal waters and neither do they want the Government to pay for any such activities.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, somebody said: "Here's 'old one-a-day' again". We have done more than one on many days. Our record is around 90 per cent, much better than that of the previous Government.

I think I will have a lot of answers on Monday, but today I ask that all remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall all questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.