

Routine Proceedings

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CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

Ms. Beth Phinney (Hamilton Mountain): Madam Speaker, I wish to present around 300 petitions which have over 6,000 signatures.

These petitioners feel that there are still very serious deficiencies in the criminal justice system in Canada. There are many vulnerable persons who have little protection under the current system. Women, children and disabled persons are at particular risk.

These petitioners request that Parliament recognize that crimes of violence against a person are serious and abhorrent. They ask the government to amend the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act, 1972, and the Parole Act accordingly.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Saskatoon—Humboldt): Madam Speaker, as the spokesman for international development in the New Democratic Party, I have been receiving a number of petitions.

I have eight of them with me here from people, mostly in Quebec, who are concerned about the trade in humans, the indentured labour between the countries of Haiti and Dominican Republic.

They call upon Parliament, in light of our position, the Canadian position on human rights, to encourage the Government of Canada and the United Nations to take whatever steps are necessary to make sure that this trade in humans is stopped between Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

DOCKSIDE MONITORING PROGRAM

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present petitions on two subjects from my constituents of Cape Breton Highlands—Canso.

The first has to do with the dockside monitoring program. It is from constituents, many of whom are fishermen, who wish to urge Parliament and the government to rescind any further plans for user fees for this program, to absorb the costs and to supply qualified personnel for this program.

The petitioners urge Parliament to withdraw the onerous fees which have been associated with this dockside monitoring program in Atlantic Canada.

MEME BREAST IMPLANT

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): The second petition, Madam Speaker, is from women in my constituency and it has to do with the Meme breast implant.

The petitioners urge, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to establish an independent judicial inquiry into the testing and approval process for all medical devices, and in particular the Meme breast implant.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 211, 212, 213, 214 and 231.

[Text]

Question No. 211—**Ms. Phinney:**

What is the percentage of disabled people living in Canada today?

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Science and Technology): By the Hon. Michael H. Wilson, Minister responsible for Statistics Canada. Statistics Canada reports:

In 1986, (latest data available) there were an estimated 3.3 million persons with disabilities residing in households and in health-related institutions. This represented 13.2 per cent of the Canadian population in 1986. Data from the 1991 Health and Activity Limitation Survey will be released in September of this year.

Question No. 212—**Mr. Fulton:**

Has the Department of Fisheries and Oceans allocated resources, both human and physical, to conduct a technical evaluation and/or impact assessment studies on the operation of Cominco's large hover-craft (ACV) on the Stikine River system between Wrangell, Alaska and the Iskut Mines and, if so, (a) what are the results, (b) when will the Department make these studies public?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency): (a) DFO initiated an environmental screening of Cominco Mineral Limited's use of hover-