

Routine Proceedings

and equitable to all family structures based on financial need and irrespective of child care choice.

GASOLINE PRICES

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a petition signed by constituents in the Ottawa area who are appalled at the fact that they are paying more for gasoline than those in any other part of Ontario.

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They would like the federal government to examine ways to correct this injustice by amending the Competition Act.

TAXATION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions with which I shall deal briefly.

The first concerns the Income Tax Act and points out that receipted day care can be deducted for certain families, while there are no options available for families who choose other alternatives.

The petitioners also point out a contradiction between married couples and common law couples. They would hope that married couples would enjoy the same kind of benefits. They feel that this difference in treatment is unfair and point out that the legislation is piecemeal, contradictory and disorganized. The petitioners want some changes.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, my second petition is from more than 150 students from the University of Winnipeg.

The petitioners point out that education ought to be available to all Canadians who have the will and the ability to pursue post-secondary education opportunities, not just those who have the financial means.

The petitioners point out that the government talks about competitiveness and productivity, but they—

Mr. Speaker: Under the rules hon. members will have to rise. I would ask the hon. member to put his petition as briefly as possible.

Mr. Duhamel: The petitioners would like the current legislation rescinded so that financing to post-secondary education is not removed.

Mr. Speaker, I have another petition on education from students from Brandon making the same points.

As well, they deplore the 3 per cent administrative fee on student aid. They feel that the current government legislation is inappropriate and does not lead to additional competitiveness and increased productivity.

UKRAINE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, my fourth and second last petition has been delayed for a number of reasons.

The petitioners call upon the government to recognize the independence of Ukraine. Of course, we know that has now been achieved, as have full diplomatic relations. We wish the Ukrainian people well.

JUSTICE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, my final petition is on behalf of a number of constituents who are reacting to the murder of Nina de Villiers.

This petition now has over 200,000 signatures. The petitioners point out that violence of any type is unacceptable and call upon the government to change the various pieces of legislation such as the Bail Reform Act and the Parole Act, as well as the Criminal Code of Canada with respect to violent crimes.

TRADE

Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present a petition by residents of my riding of Scarborough—Agincourt against the proposed Canada—U.S.—Mexico agreement.

My constituents have no faith in the government. In 1988—

Mr. Speaker: The rule says that the member presenting a petition may briefly describe the petition. The rule makes it very clear that the member is not supposed to get into debate. The reason is that no other member can rise. I would ask the hon. member to let the House know what the petitioners are asking for.