

PETITIONS

REFUGEES

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition from several Canadians who, because of the suffering of our refugees, their personal and economic hardships and their undecided futures because of our slow refugee processing, are calling upon Parliament to urge the government to step up action on refugee cases and especially to exercise compassion.

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I too have a petition signed by many residents in the Ottawa region. The petitioners are asking for relief for refugees who are suffering from personal and economic hardship and fear for their future and are calling on the government to exercise compassion.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Rex Crawford (Kent): Mr. Speaker, I am honoured to rise in the House, pursuant to Standing Order 36, to present a petition which contains over 5,000 names of people from my riding which states:

The undersigned, your petitions, humbly call upon Parliament to revise the laws of Canada, to replace the Young Offenders Act with an updated Juvenile Delinquent Act with a lower maximum age of 13.

In other words, Mr. Speaker, scrap the Young Offenders Act.

GASOLINE PRICES

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition that is in order according to Standing Order 36.

The petition states that gasoline prices are significantly higher in the Ottawa area than those in southern Ontario and that such a price disparity discriminates against Ottawa area consumers.

The Government of Ontario has eliminated legal licence fees for northern residents to compensate for a similar gas price disparity between southern and northern Ontario. Therefore the petitioners call upon Parliament to urge the government to correct this injustice to Ottawa area motorists.

Routine Proceedings

CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION PROTECTION

Mr. John Brewin (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions to the House. The first deals with the issue of the absence of criminal injuries compensation protection at the federal level and particularly for Canadians who are travelling and working abroad and supports Bill C-310, which is a private members' bill I have introduced in this House and which will be debated on March 9.

This petition is signed by hundreds of people from the Victoria area, including from my own constituency and I have the honour to present it to the House.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. John Brewin (Victoria): The second petition is also signed by people from my area and calls on the government to exempt from the goods and services tax women's sanitary products.

DRUGS

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour of tabling a number of petitions signed by over 500 Canadians from my riding who are concerned that the drug trade in Toronto is getting out of hand.

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Essentially they are asking this government that when there are proceeds from drug busts in metropolitan Toronto and elsewhere, rather than having all these revenues flow into the general accounts of the federal government, that those moneys be shared with the police authorities in Toronto and other local organizations who are on the leading front of trying to combat and overcome the illicit drug trade problem that is causing havoc among families and our youth.

I hope the government listens to this appeal.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, questions No. 4, 176 and 277 will be answered today.