

Order Paper Questions

and housing, and the tax deduction was designed to alleviate the added costs of living in these isolated communities.

The petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to declare the Township of Atikokan and the surrounding area to be eligible for the northern residents' tax deduction. There are approximately 240 names on this particular petition.

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Madam Speaker, the second petition is one of many that I have tabled in this House over the last year. It is certified correct as to form by the Clerk of Petitions and is signed by residents of the Thunder Bay—Atikokan riding and the Thunder Bay—Nipigon riding.

The petitioners call upon the Parliament of Canada to allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement during a national general election.

[Translation]

FEDERAL LANGUAGE TEACHERS—NECESSITY TO OBTAIN TIME FOR PREPARATION OF COURSES

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Madam Speaker, it is my duty to present to the House a petition signed by many Canadians, most of whom are public servants working for the Government who care about official languages and who teach Canadians the second language. The petitioners humbly state that the Government of Canada, represented by the Treasury Board, has not recognized the principle of fair and reasonable course preparation time for federal language teachers and that this situation is seriously undermining the policy of bilingualism in Canada.

Therefore, the undersigned, your petitioners, ask Parliament to mandate the Treasury Board to negotiate a collective agreement with the federal teachers in the ED group that will provide 15 hours a week of course preparation time for language teachers.

[English]

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions, pursuant to Standing Order 106.

The first is signed by a number of people in my constituency. It says that the Conservative Government had no mandate from the Canadian people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States. Therefore, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement through a national general election.

The second petition is similar and is signed by residents in Winnipeg. It says that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised in the course of bilateral trade negotiations that Canadian sovereignty would not be compromised and,

therefore, they pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement through a national general election.

ABORTION—SUPREME COURT OF CANADA DECISION

Mr. Dennis H. Cochrane (Moncton): Madam Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 106, it is my honour and privilege today to present a petition containing the names of 39,894 New Brunswickers. They ask that the House of Commons consider the tragic effects of the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada and take immediate action to protect, defend, and respect the rights of unborn children.

The petition contains names from all over the Province of New Brunswick: 2,841 from my constituency of Moncton, over 11,000 from Madawaska—Victoria, over 3,200 from Gloucester, and over 1,600 from the constituency of Westmorland—Kent, as well as all other ridings represented by the signatures. The total petition represents over 5.5 per cent of the total population of the Province of New Brunswick.

The New Brunswick Right to Life Association, the sponsor of this petition, calls upon all legislators to respond to the wishes of the majority of Canadians by enacting legislation to protect the basic rights of the unborn child.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 319 and 322.

[Text]

"CANADA'S SENIORS—A DYNAMIC FORCE"

Question No. 319—**Mr. Boudria:**

Is there a government publication entitled *Canada's Seniors—a Dynamic Force* and, if so (a) did the Government spend money on its production and, if so, what was the cost of (i) research (ii) preparation (iii) publishing (iv) printing (v) distribution (b) what is the total number of copies printed (c) were any private consultants, printers or other non-governmental groups or individuals involved in the preparation and, if so, in each case (i) what was the name of the individual or firm involved (ii) what was the value of each contract awarded if any (iii) which contracts, if any, were awarded by tender?

Hon. George Hees (Minister of Veterans Affairs and Minister of State (Seniors)): Yes, a government publication entitled *Canada's Seniors: a Dynamic Force* was developed for Senators and Members of Parliament.