

that Parliament refrain from signing said free trade agreement.

• (1530)

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions today. The first one has 48 signatures from the lower mainland. It is in memory of Rosalynn Dupuis and supports the strengthening of the Young Offenders Act to protect Canadian society.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): This second petition has 346 signatures, also from around the lower mainland. It calls for the speedy return of Christine Lamont and David Spencer to Canada.

INCOME TAX

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): I have three petitions to present to the House. The first petition requests that the income tax system be made much simpler. The petitioners feel it is much too complex at this particular point in time. They point out certain incongruities and injustices in the system. For example, people can get a deduction for receipted child care, while those who choose to stay at home cannot. They would like that cleared up.

BROADCASTING

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Another petition points out that Parliament has a responsibility to ensure that the CRTC carefully regulate the use of foul language in radio and television programming. The petitioners believe that very often this language is a form of abuse that counteracts the efforts of the family with their children. As well, they point out that it is not necessary to use this type of language in order to inform or entertain.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): In the final petition that I have to present today the petitioners ask that the Government of Canada remove the GST from books and other reading materials. They point out that there has never been such a tax. They feel that reading is the cornerstone of democracy, as well as a key to building a healthy economy.

Routine Proceedings

FISHERIES

Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): Mr. Speaker, the people of Ramea have sent me a petition, and 1,100 of them have signed it. It is clear and to the point so I will make a brief reference to it.

They feel that they have been discriminated against by the fisheries minister in his refusal to grant the fish plant employees of this community benefits under the Northern Cod Adjustment Program.

Second, it says that there is no doubt that they, the people of Ramea and the plant workers, qualify under the program because of their historic attachment to the northern cod fishery.

Therefore, they call upon the House to take appropriate action and overturn the decision of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and give the residents of Ramea the benefits they justly deserve. I support wholeheartedly the prayer of the petitioners.

BILL C-327

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36 I am pleased to present a petition signed, coincidentally, by 36 professors from the University of Saskatchewan. They support Bill C-327, the employee share purchase plan. It is endorsed by the departments and a majority of professors in accounting, finance, industrial relations, and management and marketing departments.

The bill is presently in committee and I would encourage all members of the House to support the bill.

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, it is my honour again today to present petitions in memory of Rosalynn Dupuis. Rosalynn was a young girl who was brutally murdered and a young offender is now on trial for her murder.

It is truly unfortunate it takes a tragedy such as this one to make us realize that a change in attitude and law is necessary. A large number of people have been signing these petitions and they ask that we consider making some drastic changes to the Young Offenders Act. Protection for the average Canadian has to be made a greater priority.

BILL C-268

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to present a petition on behalf of a number of residents of Oxford House, Grassy Narrows, Bear Island,