

I agree with the petitioners and I would like to present it.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair is very conscious that on this important matter there are a number of petitions being presented today, and there may well be more. I draw Members' attention to the rules which bind us all. I am reading from the annotated Standing Rules.

When presenting a petition during Routine Proceedings, the Member may make a brief summary of the Prayer of the petition, state the parties from whom it comes and the number of signatures it contains, but may not make a speech or enter into debate on or in relation to the petition. The Member should also indicate that the petition has been certified in order, pursuant to the Standing Orders.

I would ask Hon. Members to co-operate with the Chair in this regard.

[*Translation*]

NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES—ALTERNATE USE OF FUNDS

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent): Mr. Speaker, I rise pursuant to Standing Order 36 to table two petitions that ask the Government of Canada to give priority to the health of all Canadians by asking the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) to cancel the construction of two nuclear submarines and instead to invest the money in research to cure diseases.

Two petitions come from the Haitian Association, Salvadorans, Chilians and the local community service centre and another petition is from a women's group in my riding of Saint-Laurent.

[*English*]

OPPOSITION TO TAXATION OF MUSIC LESSONS

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 36, I have a petition from 59 petitioners with regard to the proposed sales tax on music lessons. They have asked that the Parliament of Canada not consider music studies for addition to the sales tax because they consider them as an educational process and therefore music education should be exempt from the proposed sales tax.

MORATORIUM ON HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 36 to present a petition signed by several hundred members of the Province of British Columbia in which they express their concerns about the risk of catastrophic oil spills on the West

Coast, and in particular, the spill that took place and affected my riding in January of 1989. They call on the Government of Canada and British Columbia to extend the moratorium on oil drilling off the West Coast indefinitely in order to avoid further damage to the coast.

Petitions

DISCRIMINATION BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition from some of the residents of Kingston and the Islands, wherein they recite the fact that in 1986 the Government accepted a report of the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs of this House, recommending that an amendment be made to the Canadian Human Rights Act, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in all areas of the federal jurisdiction, and requesting the Government and this House to proceed with amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act in accordance with the report of the committee.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

MORATORIUM ON HYDROCARBON EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 36 to present a petition to this House from residents of British Columbia who are concerned over this Government's approach and attitude toward future hydrocarbon exploration off the coast of British Columbia.

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I have the duty and the honour to present petitions pursuant to Standing Order 36 that have been duly certified by the Clerk of Petitions. The petitioners, all who are residents of British Columbia, raise concerns about large scale oil pollution on the West Coast, having experienced, unfortunately, a number of incidents over the last little while, and call for very specific action by this Parliament and by the Government of Canada to protect them.

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I rise under Standing Order 36 to place before you a petition from people who live in British Columbia who have expressed concern about the oil spills off our beautiful coastline, and who have also expressed concerns about the impact on the livelihood of not only the people who work in British Columbia and on those coastlines but in fact the wildlife and marine life on those coastlines.