

Routine Proceedings

through the utilization of trial by judge and jury where young offenders are involved in offences of extreme violence and murder, and that they disagree with the light sentence that is involved with Bill C-12.

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They are very concerned that once young offenders are sentenced to prison they have proper medical facilities available to treat them the moment they are incarcerated and that they be properly assessed before they are allowed back out on the streets. Therefore the petitioners recommend that psychological treatment for young offenders should be mandatory and immediate upon sentencing.

I present the petition on behalf of 2,200 very serious petitioners from across Ontario.

JASPER AND BANFF NATIONAL PARKS

Right Hon. Joe Clark (President of the Privy Council and Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to present two petitions.

The first was signed by some 350 residents of Jasper, Alberta. They are opposed to proposed regulations which would close the airstrip in Jasper National Park.

The second petition was signed by 33 residents of the city of Calgary who also support the retention of airstrips in both Jasper and Banff National Parks.

HERRING FISHERY

Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova): Mr. Speaker, I rise also pursuant to Standing Order 36. I have a petition signed by 152 fish plant workers from the Meteghan, Saulnierville, Weymouth and Church Point areas of southwestern Nova Scotia. They work in the herring fishery and are opposed to the practice of over-the-side sales when fish plants have no work.

The petitioners humbly pray and call on the House of Commons to urge the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to take measures to stop the over-the-side sale of herring and help Canadians process the fish for sale to the foreigners.

HOUSING

Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova): Mr. Speaker, I also have another one signed by 1,313 people from the Yarmouth area of southwestern Nova Scotia.

The petitioners are concerned about the government's constitutional proposal to transfer the jurisdiction of housing to the provinces without compensation. They are worried that the provinces will not be able to afford to maintain the current level of housing assistance on their own.

The petitioners call upon the minister responsible for Constitutional affairs to look again at this transfer.

RAIL LINE PRIVATIZATION

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have two petitions to table with you today.

The first petition has in excess of 2,000 names of individuals from the island of Cape Breton who are opposed to the privatization of the rail line between Sydney and Truro, Nova Scotia.

These petitioners come from such communities as Glace Bay, Sydney, New Waterford, Dominion, Sydney River and Port Morien. They call upon the government to intervene with CN in order to preclude this particular privatization of a rail line which has served the industrial heartland of Cape Breton for a good number of years.

My second petition again has in excess of 2,000 names. It comes from many parts of Cape Breton, particularly rural Cape Breton. Individuals from all over the island are opposed to the government's privatization of the rail line between Sydney and Truro, Nova Scotia.

The petitioners call upon the Government of Canada, under the provisions of the Financial Administration Act, to give a directive to CN in order to preclude the privatization of this rail line. It is very important not only to the industrial heartland of Cape Breton, but it has a profound economic impact in rural Cape Breton, namely on Stora Forest Industries as well as the coal industry, the steel industry and all other major sectors of our economy.

They call upon the government to act on behalf of those citizens who are opposed to the privatization of this railway line.