

of Manitoba, including residents of the towns of Clearwater, Crystal City and Snowflake. The other is signed by residents of Ontario from St. Thomas, London and other cities. They state that cigarette smoking is Canada's major preventable health hazard and is responsible for 35,000 Canadian deaths each year.

Therefore they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact the Non-smokers' Health Act, Bill C-204.

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, I too have a number of petitions to present today all on the same subject. They are signed by residents of such places as Oakville, Kitchener, Nepean and Mississauga, Ontario.

All of the petitioners state that cigarette smoking is Canada's major preventable health hazard and is responsible for some 35,000 Canadian deaths each year, and that secondary smoke is implicated in the deaths of 500 involuntary smokers each year.

They state that, whereas Bill C-204 seeks to protect the health of Canadians by restricting the promotion of tobacco and guaranteeing smoke-free air for Canadian workers and travellers, they humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact the Non-smokers' Health Act, Bill C-204.

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a petition in which the petitioners indicate that cigarette smoking is Canada's major preventable health hazard and is responsible for 35,000 Canadian deaths each year—

Mr. McDermid: Don't forget pipes and cigars.

Mr. Keeper: —even if the Hon. Member across the way thinks that is insignificant.

The petitioners certainly feel that secondary smoke is implicated in the deaths of 500 involuntary smokers each year. They state that Bill C-204 seeks to protect the health of Canadians by restricting the promotion of tobacco and guaranteeing smoke-free air to Canadian workers and travellers.

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I have in my hand two duly certified petitions signed by citizens of Canada from New Brunswick and Ontario who now avail themselves of their ancient and undoubted right to thus present a grievance before this honourable House.

They take note of the serious health hazards presented by smoking and by the impact of the air into which enters the smoke of cigarettes from smokers.

These petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact Bill C-204, a Bill entitled the Non-smokers' Health Act. In duty bound, your petitioners ever pray.

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I have a number of petitions from Canadians, mainly from Ontario, although there are certainly petitions which are

coming in from all across the country. They are from Toronto, Rexdale, Willowdale, Markham, Scarborough, my own riding of Broadview—Greenwood, Thornhill and Agincourt.

These petitioners support Bill C-204. They point out that cigarette smoking is Canada's major preventable health hazard and is responsible for the deaths of 35,000 Canadians every year who smoke and is implicated in the deaths of 500 Canadians every year who are involuntary smokers.

Whereas Bill C-204 seeks to protect the health of Canadians by restricting the promotion of tobacco and guaranteeing smoke-free air to Canadian workers and travellers, the petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact the Non-smokers' Health Act, Bill C-204.

Ms. Marion Dewar (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege and responsibility to present these petitions from people from across Ontario, in particular from Burlington, Stoney Creek, Scarborough, Toronto and, most important, Hamilton.

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These citizens ask that we be cognizant of the fact that smoking causes over 35,000 preventable deaths each year and that 500 of those deaths are caused by secondary smoke.

They humbly pray and call upon Parliament to enact Bill C-204.

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-55

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, I rise with a degree of pleasure and responsibility to present to the House, pursuant to Standing Order 106, two different sets of petitions.

The first one deals with Bill C-55, the Government's legislation establishing new refugee guidelines. It is signed by residents of Toronto, Cambridge, Peterborough, Scarborough, and Willowdale in the Province of Ontario and by residents of Vancouver and Richmond, British Columbia.

The petitioners suggest that the safe third country concept and the prescreening stage be deleted and that the legislation should be complemented by a strong, accessible, fair and expedient appeal mechanism to discourage those who wish to abuse the system.

CONSTITUTIONAL ACCORD—RECOGNITION OF MULTICULTURALISM

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, the second set of petitions concerns the Meech Lake Accord. It is signed by Canadians living in Elliot Lake, Hamilton, and my own riding of York West.

They are very much pleased that an effort is being made to bring Quebec back into the constitutional family. However, they would also like the Government to recognize the multicultural heritage of our nation and of our people as a fundamental characteristic alongside the English-French linguistic duality.