

Routine Proceedings

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HOUSE MANAGEMENT

29TH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the 29th report of the Standing Committee on House Management concerning votable items arising from Private Members' Business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 92(2), this report is deemed to be adopted when laid upon the Table.

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PETITIONS

THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present a petition, pursuant to Standing Order 36, in which people from the Moncton area are petitioning this Chamber, asking that a referendum be held on all constitutional matters.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

Ms. Beth Phinney (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I have here over 150 petitions and several thousand signatures from people in my riding of Hamilton Mountain, from all over Ontario, from Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and other parts of Canada.

I would like to add these to the over 350,000 signatures I have already personally presented from citizens who feel that there are serious deficiencies in the criminal justice system.

They are calling upon this government to recognize that crimes of violence against the person are very serious and abhorrent to society. They ask this government to further amend the Criminal Code of Canada, the Bail Reform Act of 1972 and the Parole Act accordingly.

IRAQ

Mr. Ray Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition in the

House today that relates to the conflict between the United States and Iraq.

The petition relates to recent statements by the President of the United States that he is considering bombing Iraq if it does not follow United Nations' policies.

The petitioners would have the House of Commons and the government condemn the statements of the President of the United States and urge the government to work toward diplomatic solutions to the problem.

HOUSING

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour and the privilege to present a petition signed by about 150 residents of the city of Hamilton who are expressing their dismay at the fact that the government caved in to the Reformers in their caucus who demanded an end to the co-op housing program.

These people are calling on Parliament to recognize housing as a shared provincial-federal responsibility, to support the federal non-profit co-operative housing program and to maintain Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition which is signed by hundreds of residents of Burnaby, Rosewood, Langley and a number of other communities in British Columbia, as well as Sackville, New Brunswick and other New Brunswick communities, which points out that two Canadians, Christine Lamont and David Spencer, who have been sentenced to 28 years each in a Brazilian prison have suffered miscarriages of justice, cruel and unusual treatment in Brazilian prisons, and discrimination in sentencing and parole. They point out that the only relief which is available from this harsh punishment is for Canada to request expulsion in accordance with Brazilian law.

It therefore calls upon Parliament to urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to request the Government of Brazil to expel Christine Lamont and David Spencer and return them to their homes in Canada.